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Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.30	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.02
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.45	10.33	12.33	1.47	—	5.07	6.15
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	—	9.50	10.38	12.38	1.51	—	5.11	6.19
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	6.29
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.34
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NONCONFORMITY IN LONDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

Non-conformity is suffering at present from a shortage of good preachers in this country, and especially in London, where two of the Congregational Churches have gone abroad in order to fill their pulpits. Allen Street Church, Kensington, is bringing a minister from Melbourne, and the Highbury Quadrant Church, which was the scene of Silvester Horns' ministry, has secured an American Presbyterian minister from Florida. Meanwhile, Westminster Congregational Church, a huge building seating over 2,000 people, has long been without a pastor, and there seems little prospect of finding a suitable man. At the same time, there has been a steady stream of emigration from here to America, whether preachers of note have been tempted by the offer of big salaries. Dr. Henry Howard left English Methodism some time ago for the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, at a salary of over £2,000 a year. Then there is the case of Dr. Ward, of the Congregational Church, Tottenham Park, in North London, who went to a church in Detroit at a salary of £3,000. An offer was made recently to Dr. Norwood, of the City Temple, which in a way is the most famous of all the Non-conformist Churches in London, to become the minister of the American Presbyterian Church in Montreal at £2,000 a year, but it is not announced this week that he has declined to go abroad.

America As A Magnet.

The truth is that America is a magnet for the well known men in the Non-conformist Churches of Britain. It is becoming usual for many of them to speak at religious conferences in the United States in the summer, for which they receive payment up to £100 a week. I saw in the "Christian Century," the principal religious paper in America that "Gipsy Smith," the popular English evangelist, recently conducted a three weeks mission in Nashville for which he was paid £2,000. Last year I heard him after an interval of years, and his address seemed more like an entertainment than a religious exercise.

It would be rash to predict what the ultimate effect of this constant emigration of the best speakers in Nonconformity will be on the Churches in this country. Congregationalism appears to be undergoing startling changes. A visitor to the King's Weigh House Church may see Dr. Orchard walking round the aisles in resplendent copes, while the air is thick with incense, and sometimes there is a "midnight mass." In certain other churches strange sights are to be seen.

Some time ago an attempt was made to take a census of attendance at some of the Free Churches in Central London, but the results were so depressing that the figures were not published. Whatever the future may hold, it is certain that for the time being in Central London Nonconformity is under an eclipse.

Lord Byng's Viscounty.

The official publication this week of the Viscounty bestowed on Lord Byng of Vimy discloses the fact that the fees due to officials when he received the honour eighteen months ago have now been paid. He received the title when he resigned his office as Governor General of Canada in 1926. But he refused to pay anything, and hence the delay in granting the dignity. It is understood that the fees have been handed over by the Treasury.

Lord Byng explained at the time when the honour was conferred that he failed to see why he should hand out hundreds of pounds for an honour for which a politician pays nothing. There is no doubt that the majority of people commend him for his strong action in the matter. The fees come to something over £700. Before the war when a man was elevated to the peerage or advanced in the chivalric circle of these elevated mortals, (Continued on next Column.)

CHANGING JAPAN.

HOME CORRESPONDENT'S IMPRESSIONS.

FAUNING OFF IN THE NUM- BER OF CHRISTIANS.

VIEWS ON SPORT.

A number of interesting topics are dealt with in a letter from a special correspondent of the *Daily Express*. He has been in Tokyo and proceeds to tell of great changes that have taken place since so recently as the 1923 earthquake.

Former residents will be interested to know that the newspapers, which in their day were police supervised and therefore limited in outlook, now contemplate helping the Government to frame its policy. Such impermissiveness would not have been tolerated a few years ago, but it is part of a movement now sweeping the country which is making both sexes of the rising generation of quite a different calibre from their elders.

Missionaries who have laboured hard in a promising field for many years will be distressed to learn from the same correspondent that recent events at Geneva and in the English Church have confirmed Japan in her suspicions that the Christian nations do not regard their religion seriously. There was a strong movement towards Christianity after the earthquake of 1923. It was noticed that the buildings of foreigners in Tokyo remained standing, while native buildings lay in ruins, and the feeling spread that the ancient gods of Japan had failed the country in the hour of her need. There was a revolution of feeling in favour of Christianity, and the Bible became a best seller. Now there is a considerable falling off in the number of Christians, and a big movement towards Buddhism, which events in Europe during the past few weeks have accelerated.

Sport just now is a favourite topic of conversation and interesting views are being circulated. Regarding Britain, it is paid the compliment of having gone in for sports for the fun of them, while America had always gone out to win. Netted by her defeat, Britain is now about to beat herself. Japanese authorities on sport think she will succeed.

he had usually fought hard with

the sword of Mammon as a supporter of a political party, and a few hundreds of pounds more or less did not much matter. But here we have a distinguished soldier and great public servant whom the King delighted to honour for what he has done for his country. Why should he be asked to pay a penalty and suffer in pocket?

Lord Palmerston's Way.

Of course, the battle of the fees is an old story. There has been a struggle many times over the Garter fees. When Lord Palmerston got his K.G. he refused in his downright way to pay anything; and when he was solemnly threatened that his banner would not be hung in St. George's Chapel, he replied that he never went to St. George's or any other chapel, and thus in any event he would never see it. Lord Roberts also refused to pay the Garter fees, and his banner was withheld from the chapel for twelve months.

Dying By Installments.

An interesting newspaper discussion has been started by the remarks of Mr. Reginald McKenna, the chairman of the Midland Bank, and an ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is regarded as one of the foremost financial authorities of the day. He has given his qualified blessing to the purchase of goods by instalments. There is nothing unhealthy in this, he says, so long as the articles sold under the system are sufficiently durable to retain a margin of value during the whole period of payment, and provided also the purchases by instalments—as is now the case—do not increase faster than ordinary cash purchases.

As everybody knows, deferred payments for goods have been firmly established in America. Can it be safely extended to this country? The motor industry has been doing it here on a large scale, and the results have been satisfactory. In other directions, all that need be said is that manufacturers and wholesalers and the great retail stores are gradually feeding their way.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Rain Water (F.F.S.).
Golf: Captain's Cup (ladies) semi-final: South China Command Golf Meeting.
Entries close for H.K. Jockey Club 1st Extra Race Meeting, noon.
Entries close for Fanning Hunt Spring Steeplechase Meeting, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament: Club Championship Matches.
Hockey: Club v. R.A.F. (Sim Shield) U.S.R.C., 4.30 p.m.
Kowloon Residents' Association 8th Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Debate: "That a University Education is not a necessary prelude to Success," 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Topsy and Eva."

World Theatre: "The Man Upstairs."
Star Theatre: "The Night Cry."

Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday.
Golf: South China Command Golf Meeting.
Mothers' Union Sale of Work, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.
Address on "The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East," by Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, City Hall, 4 p.m.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 2nd XI v. Tanar, R.N.O.S.C., King's Park, 5 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. annual meeting, 8 p.m.
Royal Artillery Association general meeting, Wellington Barracks, 8 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong and China Branch of British Medical Association Annual Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
H.M.S. "Hood" at West Drive, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Little French Girl."
World Theatre: "Tumbleweeds."
Star Theatre: "The Bat."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, America, etc. Europe via Victoria, B.C., and via Siberia (President Jackson), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday.
Fanning Hunt: Meet Hunters' Arms, 9.30 p.m.
Cricket:—H.K. University Inter-Faculty Match: Arts v. Engineers.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Singles Tennis Tournament begins.
Hockey: Club 1st XI v. Queen's, R.N.O.S.C., 5 p.m.

8th Annual dancing display of Miss Violet Cayell and her pupils, Queen's Theatre, 5 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jar dine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive and Dance, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Little French Girl."
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Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Nishina Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Hector), 10.30 a.m.

Thursday.

Hong Kong Horticultural Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, Volunteer Headquarters.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.S.R.A. Musical: "Modern Music," Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Violin and Piano Classical Recital by Robert and Anatole Kitain, Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Lovers."
World Theatre: "Altars of Desire."
Star Theatre: "The Road of Yesterday."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe, via Negapatam, letters only (Kalyan).
Helena May Institute Bible Study Circle, 10.30 a.m.

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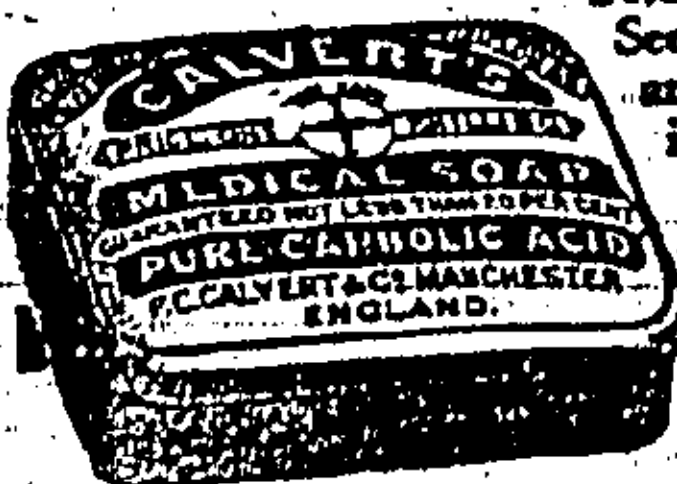
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"In no other country in the world is there such a widespread participation of the workers in the whole political, economic, and social life of the country."

So states one of the concluding paragraphs of the report of the British Workers' Delegation which visited Soviet Russia for the tenth anniversary of the Revolution, in November last, and spent a period of 50 odd days visiting a number of the towns and villages, factories, workshops, schools, hospitals, etc., in the country.

They state they have tried to convey their own personal impressions, giving a simple description of Russia and its people.

In their report the delegation state, *inter alia*:

The physical conditions of the towns stand comparison with those of British towns.

In the streets and in the workshops and factories everyone looked healthy and well fed, and their clothing was strong and warm. There were very few silk stockings, but the impression prevailed that however dear clothing may be the workers and peasants were able to get it. The children looked remarkably healthy, and well-clad, with strong boots. The happiness and remarkable intelligence were also noticeable.

The General Contentment.

"It is difficult to convey in words the very definite impression we had of the general contentment and well-being of the workers and their children, and of the high level of intelligence and interest in affairs. Of their pride in the achievement of the revolution there can be no doubt. We have no hesitation in saying that the very existence of large masses of workers who have this confidence and wide outlook was a revelation to us."

"The women of Soviet Russia are free, economically and mentally, as the men, and are encouraged to take their full share with the men in the political and social activities of their country."

Women in industry receive two months' holiday before childbirth and two months' after, on full pay, and special allowances for feeding and clothing the infant for nine months.

"More than 20,000 women are already taking part in the different sections of the local and central government."

The Workers Are In Power.

"In everything we saw the most significant feature to us was the fact that in Soviet Russia the workers and peasants are in power."

"The general average wage shows a 16.9 per cent. increase over pre-war, but taking into account other benefits received (sickness and insurance, rent allowances, &c., for which the workers pay no contribution, and concessions in the matter of purchase of food, and tickets for opera and other amusements), it is estimated that the real improvement is between 30 and 40 per cent. above pre-war level."

"We cannot, of course," adds the report, "vouch for the exact accuracy of this estimate."

Food prices, states the report, compare favourably with those prevailing in Britain, and "the only items in the workers' budget which were considerably higher than in Britain were the clothes, which appeared to be about 30 per cent. higher."

With regard to housing, the report states that the rooms are large and airy, and rents in proportion to wages, being as low in some cases as 1s. 6d. per week. Central heating, gas, and electric light, being communal services, are provided free.

State Trading.

Concerning the general economic position, the report states that "in the towns all the large shops in the main streets are run by the State, municipal, or co-operative institutions. There are plenty of small private shops in the back streets, but the Socialized shops are able to provide all that is wanted."

"At certain times of the year there are over one and a half million unemployed in Russia; the overwhelming majority are young peasants from the country, and are, in the main, non-workers, who are for the first time seeking employment."

"In education Russia is speeding ahead under the sure guidance of the Workers' State. In no other country is every grade of education as open to the workers as in Russia."

Happy Prisoners.

Giving their impressions of visits to the prisons, the delegates say that there is no restriction upon speaking to fellow-prisoners, and smoking is permitted at any time.

"The cells have the appearance of bed-sitting-rooms. In one prison visited was a clubroom, where prisoners met at night for games, musical circles, &c. Prisoners wear their own clothing, have their own dramatic circles, orchestra, wireless sets, &c., and when they have served half their sentence they are allowed one or two weeks' holiday per annum. Peasants can work on farms in their villages during harvest, and two working days count as two of sentence."

In conclusion, the report on prisons states: "Prison life in Soviet Russia is better than the conditions that many British miners have to endure."

Concerning the peasant population, over a hundred million, the report states "the position of the rural population has undoubtedly improved, and is steadily improving."

Undoubtedly there is a terrible legacy from the Tsardom of ignorance and poverty. But the peasants are contented and appreciative of the better conditions they now enjoy."

The Position Of Orphans.

In a chapter on meetings and impressions, the following passages appear:

"Everywhere we went we were astonished at the tremendous interest and great knowledge displayed by the Russian workers in connection with Britain."

Everywhere we were asked what were the prospects of the Government attacking Russia."

The question of Anglo-Russian trade union unity met us at every turn, and Tomsky said they considered the unity between Russian and British workers essential in the interests of both."

"In all parts of Russia which we visited it was made evident to us that the trade unions were through the agency of the clubs, classes, and so on, the training schools of the workers."

The trade unions and trade unionists had always the pick of the best public buildings. Why not?"

Concerning the reports regarding millions of homeless children in Russia, the report says:

"After the revolution vast numbers of children became orphans. Forced to look after themselves or starve, they robbed and even killed to get food and shelter, and defied all authority. As soon as any kind of organization could be arranged the children were rapidly collected into homes. No force is enacted on the boys to go into the home, and inside the home there is no compulsion. No corporal punishment is ever used."

Soldiers And Officers All Comrade.

"A striking feature everywhere was the simplicity and comradeship of the soldiers and police. A soldier possesses all civilian rights, and soldiers, police, and sailors salute the 'International'; they do not salute officers. Officers and men are equal when off duty, and at all times address each other as 'Comrade'."

In the conclusion of the report says, "From the whole course of our investigations into every aspect of life in Soviet Russia we are convinced that in no other country in the world is there such widespread participation of the workers in the whole political, economic, and social life of the country."

The material sources of the country are being developed in a careful and well thought out plan for the benefit of the workers and peasants. The Government has the enthusiastic support of an overwhelming proportion of the population."

We consider it our duty to put the facts regarding Soviet Russia before the British workers, and to ask them to offer a determined and united resistance against the British Imperialist policy of hostility towards Soviet Russia, which may at any moment break out into open war."

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

WHAT SOVIET PAPERS SAY.

In connection with the happy optimism of the British Socialist visitors, it is of interest to study a few facts extracted from Soviet newspapers. For instance, in "Pravda" one finds some startling indications of what must be considered the true condition of the Soviet industry.

"Pravda," in the last month of the Soviet year, declared that production in nationalized industries was declining, and it intimated that, in that month, the output of cast-iron diminished by 4.2 per cent., that of metallic industries by 18.3 per cent., of electro-technical works by 28 per cent., of cotton industries by 6.8 per cent., of the wool industry by 6 per cent., of the flax industry by 7 per cent., and of the match industry by 41 per cent. "Many industrial enterprises," concludes "Pravda," "are working under very difficult financial conditions."

Industries Heavily In Debt.

Financial difficulties also are emphasized by "Trade & Industry," which states: "For this year, credits for industry were provided to the amount of 270 million roubles, but later were increased, and the total debts of Soviet industries at the end of the year

(Continued on next column.)

THEATRE OWNER'S ROMANCE.

AMUSEMENT KING OF A WHOLE COUNTRY.

LONDON INTERESTS.

One of the most romantic figures in the theatrical world, though little known in England, is Mr. Isidoro W. Schlesinger, the South African millionaire, who has just purchased the controlling interest in the following nine London theatres:

The Woolwich Hippodrome, the Kennington Theatre, the Camden Hippodrome, the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham, the Broadway Theatre, New Cross, the Kilburn Palace, the Old Kent-road Picture House, the Rivoli, Whitechapel, and the Mile End Empire Cinema Theatre.

Mr. Schlesinger arrived in South Africa at the end of last century, representing an insurance company, and through various deals in insurance, banking, and land rapidly became a millionaire. He is now many times a millionaire, one of the most prominent figures in South Africa, and easily the largest employer of white labour there.

He had at first no idea of entering the entertainment industry, but in 1913 he bought the Johannesburg Empire, and from that time gradually acquired every theatre of note, every music hall, and every cinema in South Africa, in addition to skating rinks and dance halls.

Varied Interests.

His interests in South Africa include the African Life Assurance Company; the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg's hotel de luxe; the African Advertising Corporation, which owns practically every boarding in the country, as well as other advertising media; the African Realty Trust, Ltd.; and the Colonial Banking and Trust Company.

He owns film companies, orange groves, and pineapple estates, and has four new theatres under construction at the moment.

In England he owns the de Forest Phonofilm, the International Variety and Theatrical Agency, through which he does the bookings for all his theatres, and the British International Film Distributors. He was interested for a time in the Elstree film enterprise.

He is a dynamic personality, and his only recreation is work.

The new concern, which is to be called the United Picture Theatres, is probably only the nucleus of much larger interests in the English cinema world.

reached 275 millions. This year, 400 millions more will be added to this sum."

A special investigating committee recently published a report on urban conditions in the U. S. S. R. and, among other interesting information, appeared the statements that 40 per cent. of all towns in Soviet Russia have not any street pavements; 34 per cent. lack any street lights and in all other cities their number is insufficient; more than 60 per cent. of all towns do not possess waterworks, and one-third of all houses are occupied by Soviet administrative offices.

The Disillusioned Peasantry.

A proletarian author, Rodion Akulshine, in a new book published in Moscow, gives some interesting details of peasant life under Soviet rule. Everyone, writes Akulshine, who goes into a Russian village is met with the stereotyped question:—"Are they yet remembering us in Moscow?" A newcomer answers:—"They cannot forget you. You now are masters of the country." Such flattery, however, does not make any impression upon the peasants, who reply:—"Yes, masters, but these masters are going about without trousers!"

The peasants then explain:—"For simple calico now we pay 60 to 70 kopecks a metre and in three weeks it is in rags. Formerly we could buy it for 10 to 20 kopecks and it was of the first quality. Now everything is bad!"

Where are your improvements in our life? they ask. Formerly we had a lease from the proprietor; now we must pay to the State. Formerly we did not pay any taxes for leased land; now we must pay. We are paying land tax, income tax, additional taxes, and so forth. There is no end to taxes!"

Cannibalism And Carrion-Eating.

Meat is a rarity in the villages. During the last famine, the peasants ate human flesh and carrion, and since that time carrion has become a common food in Soviet villages. Comrade Rudzutak, Communications Commissary, during a recent conference of railway workmen, said that technical defects on the railways, the routine, and the bureaucratic system were handicapping the successful solution of the transport problem, and unless the present conditions were eliminated, all talk of the development of the country and the progress of agriculture would be useless.

THE DUNCAN SISTERS

in the Motion Picture

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A United Artists Picture.



Also—"Felix Trips Through Toyland."

AT THE **QUEEN'S** FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY
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Another delightful mystery story by the author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Chinese Parrot"—

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PHOTOGRAPHIC "RING."

DEALERS REFUSE TO JOIN IT.

Many leading photographic dealers are engaged in a battle with some of the largest manufacturers, following an attempt to form a "ring" of manufacturers and dealers to prevent the sale of cameras and other photographic articles made by manufacturers outside the "ring."

A circular setting out the objects of the "ring" has been sent by registered post to more than 25,000 dealers, and gives the names of 22 manufacturing firms who have subscribed to an agreement not to supply cameras, lenses, plates, or printing paper to any dealer who is not a member of the new organisation.

Many dealers resent this effort to dictate the make of goods they are to sell, and several of the largest firms of retail chemists who have signed all over the country have announced that they will have nothing to do with the scheme.

Threat Not Enforced.

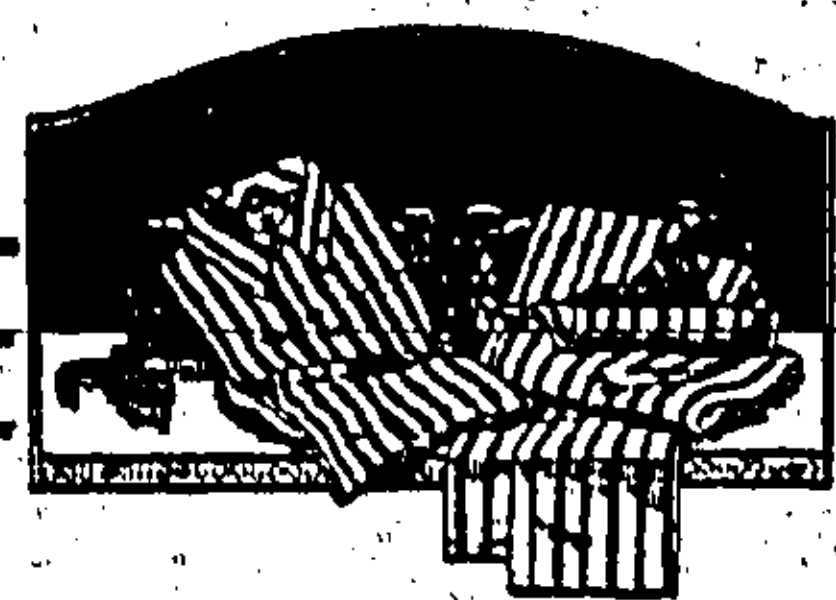
According to the ultimatum to the dealers, those who had not joined the new association by December 31st were to be excluded from making further purchases from the manufacturers concerned in the formation of the organisation.

These manufacturers, however, have informed customers who refuse to subscribe to the condition that they have no intention of stopping supplies.

Mr. James A. Sinclair, head of one of the largest firms of photographic dealers and manufacturers in London, told a *Daily Mail* reporter that when the facts became known the public would not tolerate this attempt to boycott productions outside the "ring."

If the monopoly which these firms are trying to establish is made possible it will be the public who will pay.

There is a British, American and German firm of manufacturers in the "ring." If the scheme goes through many small British firms will be badly hit.



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THE MILITARY SANATORIUM.

TROOPS AT WEIHAIWEI.

A RESIDENT'S TRIBUTE.

THE ADVENT OF THE MOTOR
CAR.

[BY A CORRESPONDENT.]

WEIHAIWEI, Feb. 7th.
Early in February, 1922, Lord
Balfour stated at the Washington
Conference that H. M. Government
was prepared to surrender the lease
of Weihaiwei as an indication of
goodwill towards China and to
pave the way to more important
agreements and settlements—parti-
cularly, the general reduction of
naval armaments. According to
one account Lord Balfour's an-
nouncement caused a "sensation"
at the Conference. No doubt a
greater sensation would have been
created had another delegate ven-
tured to prophesy that circum-
stances would compel the London
Government to postpone fulfilment
of its generous promise indefini-
tely: that in 1927 there would be
at anchor in the harbour a more
powerful naval force than any
since the days of the Russo-
Japanese War; and, more remark-
able still, that military encamp-
ments would spring up like mush-
rooms in a night and British
soldiers be in evidence on the roads
and streets of Weihaiwei in
greater numbers than at any time
in its history. Favoured as they
were by brilliant sunshine and pro-
longed fine weather—not to mention
the presence of two military bands
—the majority of our summer
visitors seem to have enjoyed an
unusually pleasant holiday. Apart
from officers in high command of
naval and military forces, dis-
tinguished visitors include Lady
Tyrwhitt and Miss Tyrwhitt who
occupied a house on the Island,
and H. M. Minister to Peking who,
with Lady Lampson and children,
were guests at Government House.
In November our Commissioner re-
ceived a visit from an old friend
in the person of the Governor of
Hong Kong who, accompanied by
Lady Clementi and their children,
broke journey from Peking to
spend a few days here.

The Convalescent Depot.

The establishment of a hospital
base in British Columbia for the
Shanghai Defence Force was, I be-
lieve, the original idea. Someone
seems to have suffered from an
inspiration and, to the relief of
that unfortunate individual, the
British taxpayer, Weihaiwei was
discovered. The Convalescent De-
pot, with Major C. E. Fawcett as
Commandant, was established in
premises originally built for the
defunct Chinese Regiment with the
Sergeants' Mess as the hospital
proper. Other accommodation was
found in the buildings originally
put up for the transportation of
cooks to South Africa but never
used for that purpose. Under a
new name, "Albion Barracks,"
these premises were taken over for
the Middlesex Regiment, Colonel
A. Stewart. Apart from successive
groups of convalescents and others
who were sent here to escape the
great heat of Shanghai, part of the
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
Regiment was also stationed here,
under Major A. D. Gave. For
part of the winter B Company of
this Regiment, with Major J. R.
Robertson in command, has acted
as our local garrison, replaced a
month ago by A Company with
Major E. S. Chawner-Grune as
O. C. Troops.

No reference to the presence of
British soldiers at Weihaiwei
would be complete which does not
refer to their general good conduct,
their discipline and self-control,
which have been most praise-worthy
and creditable to them and the
country that has sent them.

The Anti-Motor Ordinance.

Whoever else might be able to
muddle along without the assis-
tance of one of the most useful in-
ventions of modern times—the in-
ternal combustion engine—the
British Army cannot, and not least
of wonderful happenings of a
wonderful year is the advent of the
motor car on the roads of Weihai-
wei for the first time in history.
To the astonishment of our local
Jehonahs, the importation of two
small lorries and an ambulance car
has led to no serious accidents; no
bridges have collapsed; road sur-
faces have not been torn to pieces.
With this object-lesson before us,
and inspired, no doubt, by the new
(Continued on next column.)

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

UNCLAIMED CORRESPON-
DENCE, ETC., AT THE
G.P.O.

SATURDAY'S OFFICIAL LIST.

A General Post Office notification
of Saturday gives the following
details regarding unclaimed cor-
respondence, etc., and radio tele-
grams:—

G. Adair, J. B. Affleck, H. Arns,
Madame Balson, T. Brown (Denis
Murray & Co.), I. A. H. Brown,
Mrs. G. M. Brotha, W. G. Burdett,
R. Bigazzi, Rev. and Mrs. C. R.
Callender, R. A. Donaldson, A.
Dubois, R. Elfeffen, D. Fraser, J.
Goldenberg, H. C. Hardy, E.
Henke, H. Happe, W. Killeck, Rev.
G. H. de Kay, L. G. Knutzen, Mrs.
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L. Mills, J. A. Ogden, W. Owen,
Mons. Ostroumoff, J. E. Ogla, R.
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Sofaer, Yim Summers, Roland
Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. L. F.
Schutt, J. L. D. Stuart, K. Vogel,
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(H.F. Ritchie & Co.), H. W. Wel-
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D. R. H. A. Weller.

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sulate), W. Hughes (c/o H.K.
Hotel), Mr. and Mrs. Edith Jack-
son, Dr. C. M. Lee (Episcopal Hos-
pital), Miss V. Smith (c/o Ameri-
can Consulate).

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Nguyen Dan Nhung, K. C. Perera,
M. H. Pearson, Miss Rosi Sanchez,
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Led Mangostan	Sourabaya
1218 7224	Swatow
Konyune	Yunnanfu
Mohank	San Francisco
Leo Rose Wong	Detroit Mich.
Leo Safer	Solo

progressive spirit in our midst, the
Local Government has placed an
order for two motor cycles and
side-cars to facilitate quick com-
munication with the outlying
police stations. Further, the
police stations along the Chefoo
Road are to be connected up by
telephone with Port Edward for
a distance of about twelve miles.
It is also practically decided I
understand, to carry out a project,
originally put forward some fifteen
years ago, to connect the two main
highways that traverse the Terri-
tory, east and south, by a cross-
country road near our boundary.
There is yet one thing needed and
the day cannot be far distant
when the anti-motor ordinance, be-
gotten of prejudice and ignorance,
will be consigned to the scrap-
heap.

Officialdom.

There have been a few changes
during the year in the Local Gov-
ernment staff. Mr. W. R. Haller
resigned after nine years' service
—first as Financial Assistant and
then in the higher position, Finan-
cial Secretary. Mr. Haller will
be remembered in this community
as pains-taking and conscientious
in the discharge of important
duties, courteous in manner and
ever mindful in his dealing with
the man in the street of what was
due to and from him as a public
servant. He is succeeded by Mr.
P. D. Crawley, who originally
came to Weihaiwei in 1906 and
joined the Government staff in 1913
but resigned in 1921 to join a local
firm. The Government is to be con-
gratulated on acquiring the services
of one who not only is familiar
with work in the financial depart-
ment, but brings with him the ad-
ditional experience acquired dur-
ing the six years spent in civilian
employment.

Mr. L. H. C. Calkthrop of the
Hong Kong Police came here
originally to learn the language and
has been acting for a comparative-
brief period as Junior District
Officer. He has recently been suc-
ceeded by Mr. W. La B. Sparrow,
also of the Hong Kong Government
Service.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HOPES OF TRADE REVIVAL
NOT REALISED.

SIR SHOU SON CHOW
REVIEWS SITUATION.

The Ninth ordinary yearly meet-
ing of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd.
was held on Saturday afternoon,
at its registered office, No. 10, Des
Voeux Road, Central.

The Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow
presided, and there were present
Messrs. P. K. Kwok, Chow Chi
Nam, Tung Sang, Poon Hiu Cho,
Tso Shuk Hon, Li Koon Chun, Li
Tao Fong, Li Pak To, K. K. Lee,
Li Po Tin, Fung Ping Shan, Wong
Yun Tong, Kan Tong Po, Ling
Man Lai, K. N. Wong, Li Lan
Sang, Kan Ying Po, and many
others.

The Chairman said: I referred
last year to the hopes and antici-
pations of a revival of trade in the
near future. I regret to say that
these hopes have not been realised
during the year under review, but
on the contrary, there was even
greater depression and uncertainty
for trade in the Far East than be-
fore on account of the continuance
of civil wars and troubles in China.
However, it is gratifying to note
that conditions in the Colony itself
gradually returned to almost what
they were in normal times.

The results of the year working
show very little material change
from those of the preceding year,
and in view of the difficult time,
I think you will agree with me that
we are indebted to the efforts of the
management both in the Head
Office and in its branches for the
profit on the year's operation.

Increase in Current and Deposit
Accounts.

You will observe from the
Balance Sheet before you that the
figures in our current and deposit
accounts show a very substantial
increase over those of 1923, and I
am glad to be able to say that this
important branch of our business
is being steadily maintained in all
our offices. However, your Direc-
tors still think it prudent to keep
as large a cash reserve as possible,
and you will notice that our
money at call fully represents 60
per cent. against our liabilities on
current and deposit accounts.

The Shanghai Branch.

The addition of the sum of about
\$200,000 to our Bank Building ac-
count represents payment to the
contractors for our new Shanghai
Office which was completed in
November last year. Our Shang-
hai Branch is now occupying the
major portion of the ground floor
and I am pleased to state that the
remainder of the ground floor and
most of the office space in the upper
floors have been let out yielding
very good returns on the Capital
invested. I may mention here that
the Directors have made a very
conservative valuation of all the
properties owned by The Bank and
they are satisfied that it is very
much above the book value.

The amount to be carried forward
is again larger than that of the
previous year because it is the
policy of the Directors to carry
forward such a sum that will
assure shareholders of a steady
dividend for the coming year.
With these few remarks, I beg to
propose the adoption of the report
and accounts and that the amount
standing at the credit of Profit and
Loss Account be dealt with as
follows:—

To pay a dividend of 88 per share on 50,000 shares	\$300,000.00
To pay a bonus to directors, holders of founder shares and the staff	18,880.95
To carry forward	404,641.59
Total	\$723,522.54

Mr. Poon Hiu Cho seconded, no
questions were asked and the adop-
tion of the report and accounts was
carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Chow
Tung Sang, seconded by Mr. Tso
Shuk Hon, Messrs. Percy Smith,
Seth & Fleming were re-elected as
the Auditors for ensuing year.

The meeting terminated with the
announcement by the Chairman
that dividend warrants would be
ready on Monday (to-day).

**DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD
STORAGE CO.**

DIVIDEND OF \$1.25 PER
SHARE.

Subject to audit the Directors of
the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage
Company, Ltd., propose paying a
Dividend of \$1.25 per share, writ-
ing off from Plant and Buildings,
\$119,435.79 and from Share Invest-
ments \$212,232.06.

SHANGHAI LAND DIVIDEND.
NINE TAELS FOR THE YEAR.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have
been advised by their Shanghai
Office that the Shanghai Land In-
vestment Co., Ltd., have declared a
final dividend of Tls. 3.00 and a
Bonus of Tls. 3.00 per share, mak-
ing Tls. 6.00 for the year ending 31st
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The profits for last year amount-
ed to Tls. 1,250,000.

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[A.P.B. 6]

**MEDICAL STUDENT AND
GUTTERIDGE MURDER.**

ALLEGED CONFESSION.

Arthur Jones (31), described as a
medical student, of Wrexham,
North Wales, was unfit to appear
at the Mansion House Police Court
to answer a charge of wandering
insane, and the case was adjourned.
Jones is alleged to have driven
up to Cloak Lane Police Station in
a taxi and to have said he wished
to give himself up for the murder
of P.-C. Gutteridge, but after-
wards to have denied any knowl-
edge of the murder.

The body of P.-C. Gutteridge, of
the Essex County Police, was found
on the early morning of September
27th on a quiet road near Staple-
ford Abbots, with bullet wounds in
the head.

The Medical View.

When the name of Jones was called
Police constable Martin said the
man was as present in the City of
London Infirmary in Bow-road for
observation. He was found wan-
dering, and a doctor certified that
he was "not quite right."

The officer produced a medical
certificate to the effect that Jones
was not in a fit state of health to
be brought up at the Court.

The Magistrate (Sir Louis Net-
leton)—Is this the case in which the
man was alleged to have given him-
self up for murder?

The Clerk—He is alleged to have
confessed to the murder of Police-
constable Gutteridge.

The case was then adjourned
until Jones should be fit to appear.

SHANGHAI STREET FIGHT.

CONSTABLE KILLS ARMED
ROBBER.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th.
A single Chinese constable
tackled three armed robbers about
4.40 a.m. yesterday, and, in the
bitter cold weather, shot and killed
one, and he believes that he wound-
ed another of the gang. This is the
first instance in police annals,
it is believed, that an armed battle
between police and robbers occur-
ed at such a late hour, the rob-
bers preferring to work between 5
p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

The gang had stopped a ricksha
at the intersection of Yunnan and
Canton Roads and were relieving
the fare of its valuables, when a
constable approached. As he
sounded an alarm, they made off
in an easterly direction and were
next seen near Foochow Road and
Yunnan Road. At Swatow Road,
another constable saw them. He
took cover behind an electric light
pole. Before opening fire he saw
that one robber carried a pistol and
another had an electric torch.

He made up for lost time, and
within a few moments had fired
six rounds. With the second or
third round, one of the gang fell
dead. One of the others stumbled
as if he had been struck by a bul-
let. Another of the gang returned
fire, but it was ineffective.

Reserves from Louisa station were
rushed to the scene, but the other
robbers escaped.

CITY BURNT BY
THE REDS.APPALLING ATROCITIES.
20,000 REFUGEES POUR INTO
SWATOW.

(Fah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SWATOW, Feb. 18th.

The Reds under Pang Pai, a Communist notorious for monstrous cruelty, have again devastated large areas around Swatow. Terrible stories of murder, loot and rapine, common to the uprisings of this horrid faction, are being received at Swatow from refugees who are pouring into the city from the districts.

It appears that on February 11th a strong detachment of troops was sent by General Ao Yang Chu, Provisional Commander at Swatow, against bands of Reds who had been reported active near Haifeng and Lukfeng. After a slight resistance the Reds retreated quickly northwards, murdering, burning and outraging in every village or farm in their track. The whole countryside that they passed over was devastated solely out of spite and blood lust, for no opposition appears to have been offered by the terrified inhabitants.

TOWN TAKEN AT DAWN.

Taking the place by surprise, they captured the town of Kwai Tam, north-east of Kaiping very early on the morning of the 13th. The city was looted, a reign of terror started, many inhabitants being shot, or tortured to death, and finally the place was given over to the flames. Almost the whole population of several thousands sought refuge in flight over the countryside. There are, however, a number of helpless and homeless people remaining on the site of the town, and they are now in a pitiable state of destitution.

The news was sent through to Swatow from the Wei Lai district, and the military authorities have despatched strong forces in pursuit of the terrorists. Relief is also being hurried to this unhappy district.

10,000 IN TWO STEAMERS
LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE.

During the last few days refugees arriving into Swatow have numbered over 20,000. On February 14th and 15th two steamers sailed from Swatow to Singapore. They were packed; no fewer than 10,000 persons being on board.

MISS VIOLET CAPELL'S
PUPILS.DANCING DISPLAY THIS
WEEK.

The dancing displays given by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils have become justly well-known in the Colony. A dress rehearsal was held yesterday and, judging by that the coming performance, will be excellent.

The programme includes both solo and ensemble dancing and a very charming thing about it is that numbers are given by pupils of very varying ages, from quite grown ups to tiny tots. There are in all about 75 performers.

Both Miss Capell and her pupils are to be heartily congratulated on the results achieved. To the uninitiated the studied poses of dancing do not sit naturally upon a child, but in Miss Capell's hands this is changed, and the gestures, even those used by the youngest children seem a natural and graceful development of the idea behind them. The dancing of the older members is quite excellent.

The setting of this charming performance is well chosen, and the green floor and glossy black background set off admirably the bright colours and many original dresses. It is a thoroughly pretty and artistic performance, and should please anyone who still retains the power of enjoying simple grace and rhythm.

The first performance is at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd, the next on Monday, February 27th, at the same time. A third performance will be given at 9.15 p.m. on February 29th, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

CANTON AND
NANKING.THE BREACH WIDENING.
LI TSUI HSIN WANTS
STRONGER ARMY.CHEN MING SHU REFUSES
POLITICAL POST.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

General Chen Ming Shu, the acclaimed hero of the recent campaign against Chang Fat Fui's Ironsides in the East River districts, is unwilling to assume the chairmanship of the Canton Administrative Council. It is understood that he has decided to remain at the head of his army for the present.

General Li Tsui Hsin is also anxious to return to active military service. Recent developments in Nanking have forced General Li to the conclusion that he must have a fairly strong army under his immediate command. General Chiang Kai Shek is not likely to forgive the opposition he has received from the Kwangsi clique and the fear in Canton is that the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief may turn his attention to Hankow and Canton instead of devoting all his full time and energy to the campaign against Peking.

Political and military developments in Nanking and Hankow will influence the situation in Canton. In the meantime, everyone interested in politics is watching for changes of policy by the present Government. No armed conflict is expected, at least for the present, and the general attitude towards warring militarists is one of fear and hatred.

Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton, has wired to Nanking informing Mr. Huang Fu, Minister for Foreign Affairs there, that he cannot accept any appointment at Nanking.

Mr. C. T. Yeh, who has been managing director of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway for some time, has received a formal notice of appointment from Nanking to his present post, which was a temporary one. The Canton Bureau of Reconstruction, however, is trying to replace Mr. Yeh, and if Mr. Yeh has to go in favour of a successor appointed locally this will be taken as a gesture of defiance to Nanking. Mr. Yeh is a returned student from America.

The execution of "Reds" is still a daily occurrence in Canton City. One of the four Whampoa Academy students shot recently was but 17 years old, although assumed to be 20. None of the other three was more than 21 years old.

The Canton Mint is arranging for the resumption of coining of 20-cent and other subsidiary pieces. A group of merchants are undertaking the work on commission but the Government will supervise.

Canton Authorities have fixed responsibility for the "Red" upheaval of December 11th on Chang Fat Fui and certain of his subordinates. They have, in consequence, declared their property in Canton to be forfeited. General Li Fook Lam, who took a leading part in the defeat of the "Reds" was also conspired by the court of inquiry that went into his question.

PAKKAI LABOUR UNIONS
CLOSED DOWN.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

PAKKAI, Feb. 18th.

The headquarters of the Tung Tak Labourers Union in Pakkai, Kowloon, and Sun Wui were raided by the 13th Division of the military forces on February 16th and 17th, and these unions were officially closed.

(Practically all the Labour Unions in this area have been closed.)

SIR MILES LAMPSON.

BRITISH MINISTER
ARRIVES.OFFICIAL LANDING AT
QUEEN'S PIER.

Sir Miles W. Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O., the British Minister at Peking, arrived yesterday morning on H.M.S. *Forglure*. Sir Miles Lampson's visit to Hong Kong is in the nature of a return of that paid recently by H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) to Peking.

The *Forglure* arrived at eleven o'clock, and made fast to Buoy No. 8, just off the Victoria Recreation Club.

A Guard of Honour, from the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, was drawn up on Queen's Pier, with the full band, pipers and drums of the Battalion immediately behind them.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the launch *Victoria* left Queen's Pier for the *Forglure* to convey the Minister and his party ashore.

H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong arrived, accompanied by an A.D.C., at 11.14, and was greeted with a Royal Salute.

Prior to his arrival, members of the Legislative and Executive Councils, and heads of Government Departments had assembled at Queen's Pier. In addition there were also present Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Commander-in-Chief of the China Station), and H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (G.O.C. South China Command), and Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., each officer being accompanied by his Flag Lieutenant, A.D.C. and Secretary. There were also representatives from the Royal Air Force.

The Landing.

Just after 11.15 the *Victoria* arrived alongside Queen's Pier, flying the Union Jack at the bows, the flag being lowered as the British Minister landed.

On landing, Sir Miles Lampson was welcomed by Sir Cecil Clementi, who, in turn introduced the British Minister to those present on the Pier, with whom he shook hands.

As Sir Miles Lampson reached the entrance to the Pier, the Guard and Band accorded him a Royal Salute, the guard presenting arms.

In company with H.E. the Governor, Major-General Luard and Admiral Tyrwhitt, Sir Miles Lampson inspected the Guard of Honour and then, with Sir Cecil Clementi, drove off by motor-car to Government House. A second car followed with Mr. Sterndale Bennett and Mr. Davidson, a former Consul in Nanking.

In addition to those already mentioned there were among the welcoming gathering at Queen's Pier Col. C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (D.F.W.), the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. (Attorney-General), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police).

There was a fairly large gathering of the general public present by the time the British Minister landed, and a special detachment of police was on duty.

Other Details.

Yesterday afternoon, the British Minister made a tour of the New Territories. To-day he will lunch with H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, and in the evening there will be a dinner party at Government House. To-morrow (Tuesday) Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University), will entertain Sir Miles Lampson to lunch, and so far as is known, Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt will be host at dinner on H.M.S. *Hawkins* in the evening.

On Wednesday morning Sir Miles Lampson and party will proceed to Macao on H.M.S. *Tarantula*, and pay an official visit to H.E. the Governor of Macao. On Thursday, the British Minister leaves for Canton, where, as stated on Saturday, he will remain until the morning of Tuesday, February 28th. He will (Continued on next column.)

INDIAN WATCH-
MAN'S DEATH.MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT
LAICHKOK.FELLOW-COUNTRYMAN
ARRESTED.

A grim tragedy has occurred in a lonely part of Laichikok. At present only the barest details are available, but an arrest has been made and the accused will appear this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

An Indian watchman, Jhitta Singh, employed at the Standard Oil Company's installation, at Laichikok, was to have gone on duty on Saturday night at 12 mid-night. He did not turn up, and when search was made, he was found lying dead, and presumably murdered, on the path close to the installation.

Another Indian watchman at the same works, Sidudayah Singh, has been taken into police custody, pending investigations. The dead man's head was battered in, and it looked as if an instrument like a chopper or axe had been used.

It is thought that the crime was the outcome of a drunken brawl.

The police are busy making investigations, Inspector Lane, Inspector Dorling and Inspector Fallon having charge of the case.

THE BANVARD COMPANY.

CONCLUDE THEIR SEASON IN
THE COLONY.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company have proved to be one of the most entertaining and successful of theatrical parties to visit Hong Kong for a considerable time. They finished their season at the Theatre Royal in the earlier part of the past week, and then transferred to the Star Theatre, Kowloon, where they gave their final performance in the Colony last night.

They have met with the same measure of success on the Peninsula as they did on the Island, and all their shows have been thoroughly enjoyed by large audiences.

At the Star Theatre on Saturday night the Company gave "Queen of the Night" and last night the "Review of Revues," comprising the best numbers from the whole repertoire of the Company, was given.

After their return to Hong Kong, and in the evening will be the guest of the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., at dinner at the Chinese Merchants' Club. H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., will also attend this function.

The following day there will be another tour of the New Territories, and a dinner party at Government House in the evening. Sir Miles Lampson leaves for Shanghai on Friday, March 2nd, by the *a.s. Franconia*.

The Visit to Canton.

Several interesting functions have been arranged in connection with the visit to Canton, among them an official Chinese luncheon.

Sir Miles Lampson will be received by General Li Tsui Hsin on Friday morning, and will be the guest of honour at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville in the evening. He will also visit places of interest, and in the evening will be the guest of Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

On Saturday morning the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs will return the British Minister's visit, and in the afternoon, it is understood, the British Consul-General at Canton (Mr. J. F. Brennan) will entertain Sir Miles Lampson, who will also be the guest of the British community in the evening.

Other functions in connection with the visit are also being arranged.

AT SWATOW.

(Fah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SWATOW, Feb. 18th.

Sir Miles Lampson paid a visit here yesterday arriving in H.M.S. *Forglure*. His Excellency was received on landing by a number of leading Chinese officials, including General Ao Yang Chu, Provisional Commander of the Chao Mui District, and Mr. Tan Shiu Kwai, Foreign Commissioner of Swatow.

On the same evening an official reception was held in Sir Miles' honour at Government House. Distinguished foreigners present included the Inspector of Swatow Maritime Customs House, the British Consul at Swatow and the Inspector of the Chinese Post Office. The speeches delivered on this occasion extended a cordial welcome to Sir Miles, who warmly thanked his hosts for their hospitality, and expressed the pleasure he felt at coming to Swatow.

CINEMA NEWS.

A FILM FOR CHILDREN AT
THE QUEEN'S.CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S THE
CIRCUS EXPECTED
SHORTLY.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" the classic of Victorian nurseries has been filmed under the name of "Topsy and Eva." But Uncle Tom comes to the screen *via* a musical comedy also called "Topsy and Eva," and if any of those who used to weep over the story in their childhood were present at the Queen's yesterday they probably felt that quite unjustifiable liberties had been taken with the story. Perhaps the lapse of years has given the memory of Uncle Tom a glamour, which the book did not possess. But in this film is no trace at all of the humanity and pathos which we remembered. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was overdrawn as many Victorian pictures were, virtue, vice and sentiment being laid on ever-thick, but "Topsy and Eva" is a mixture of pantomime burlesque "love interest" and "sob stuff."

It would be unjust to condemn it as a poor film for there was a good deal of laughter from the children and the less sophisticated of the audience. Several of the scenes are really beautiful as regards setting, grouping and photography, and obviously a good deal of care has been given to the production.

Charlie Chaplin.

Charlie Chaplin's famous comedy, "The Circus," which is being eagerly awaited by Hong Kong cinema-goers will be screened at the Queen's Theatre shortly when it is expected to break the record established by "The Gold Rush."

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

Queen's.

To-day: "Topsy and Eva." To-morrow and Wednesday: "The Little French Girl" from the popular novel by Anne Douglas Sedgwick, starring Alice Joyce, Mary Brian and Esther Ralston. At 5 p.m. only on Wednesday a Dancing Display by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell. Thursday to Saturday: Ramon Navarro and Alice Terry in "Lovers."

Star.

To-day, 2.30 to 8.30: The famous dog Rin Tin Tin in a story of a sheep ranch called "The Night Cry." To-morrow and Wednesday, 2.30 to 8.30: An excellent mystery drama "The Bat" which was a great success at the Queen's some months ago. Thursday to Saturday: "The Road to Yesterday" an interesting and unusual picture of a party of people who re-lived certain dramatic passages of a previous existence.

World.

To-day: Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore in a mystery comedy "The Man Upstairs." Tuesday and Wednesday: William S. Hart in a romance of the West "Tumbleweeds." Thursday to Saturday: Mae Murray in a romance called "Altars of Desire."

MAHOMMEDAN FAST.

FIRST DAY TO DEPEND ON
MOON'S VISIBILITY.

After the usual Friday prayers at the Mosque in Shelley Street, the Mufti (Officiating Priest) announced for the information of all Muslims that if the new moon is visible on the evening of Wednesday the 22nd inst. the first Travee prayers will commence on that night. In the event of the non-visibility of the new moon then the fast will begin on the night of Thursday the 23rd inst.

He further announced that for the convenience of Muslims residing in the Eastern district, Travee prayers will be held at the Mosque in Happy Valley when prayers will start at 8.15 p.m. each night during the month of Ramadan.

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BOSNESS.

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.
Election of Officers and Committee.
Any other Business.

It is earnestly requested that Members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the Meeting.

C. M. MANNERS,
Hon. Secretary.
[5899]

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will take place on FRIDAY, the 24th of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 5.30 p.m., in the Hall of Queen's College.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th Feb., 1928. [5890]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CURT HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5895]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 40, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5884]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMNINE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1927.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. O'BRIEN, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 13th Feb., 1928. [5878]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1928.

ENTRY Forms to be Returned to
DR. F. FIBBE GROVE,
ALEXANDRA BUILDING, BEFORE NOON,
MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY. [5881]

LECTURE.

MR. R. VAUGHAN-POWELL will give an Address in the Theatre Royal on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 4 p.m., under the auspices of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

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MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms of the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 4th MARCH, 1928, can be obtained upon application to THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong. Entries will close on FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 3 p.m. [5884]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 423 dated Hong Kong, 2nd October, 1917, for One Share of this Bank Numbered 14089 in the Name of MA LO KWONG CHUN has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 13th MARCH, 1928, a New Certificate for the Share will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 423 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1928. [5880]

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G. R. SAYER,
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Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1928. [5898]

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THE LAST OF THE LANCE.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
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1st Guards Dragoons. There is little else worth noting with regard to the use of the lance in the Great War. Cavalry were transformed into infantry, and there are some who hold the opinion that it is only a question of time till the sabre goes the same way as the lance to find a place as an obsolete weapon of war on the walls of military museums.

In coming to a decision the War Office has, doubtless been influenced by the demand for economy and efficiency. The picturesque must be subordinated to the utilitarian. But it is pleasant to know that although the lance has been condemned as a cavalry arm in actual warfare, it is to survive "for ceremonial purposes." It may therefore be confidently expected that British Lancer regiments will continue to train in its use. In the whole realm of military ceremonial there is nothing finer than lancers riding with their lance points gleaming in the sun and their pennants fluttering in the breeze.

The lance is a knightly weapon recalling those medieval days of chivalry when it was used in joust and tourney by knights in armour as well as in the battle line. But war is now a thing of whatever attributes of glory it possessed. It is simply ghastly and horrible, when armies are separated by miles of country, and men who are invisible above ground, strike to maim and slaughter and utterly destroy each other in the mass by means provided by the skill and ingenuity of

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The annual meeting of seafarers of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, will be held on Friday next, at 5.30 p.m.

The appointment of Mr. Woo Hang Kam to be a member of the Board of Education, vice the late Dr. Wan Man Kai has been gazetted.

Members are reminded that the 8th annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held to-day, at 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. James Kam Ming Wong, merchant, residing at 151, Kowloon Tong, and Miss Winnie Chan, residing at 30, Conduit Road, Hong Kong.

During the week-end, a Chinese employed at Taikoo Dockyard, fell from the staging of a ship under construction in the dock, and fractured a thigh bone. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Entries close to-day at noon for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 1st Extra Race Meeting, to be held next Saturday, and also for the Fanling Hunt Spring Steeplechase, to be held at Kwai Tsing on Saturday, March 3rd.

A Chinese seaman from the s.s. *Kum Sang*, admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening suffering from facial and body injuries. It is believed that the man met with an accident on board the ship.

The name of Mr. James Stobie Dykes, licentiate in dental surgery of the University of St. Andrews, has been added to the Dental Register for the Colony. Mr. Dykes is acting for Mr. Thompson whilst the latter is on holiday at home.

Judge Sir Peter Grain leaves for Hong Kong on the 21st to sit with Sir Henry Golan and Mr. Justice Wood in the Full Court of Appeal. It is hoped that Sir Henry Golan will accompany Judge Grain on his return, to hold a Court of Appeal with Judge King, in Shanghai.

Petty larcenies of various articles have been reported to the Police by Mr. Allan, of the Royal Naval Yard Police. Between Thursday night and Friday morning, a copper bowl, two oil lamps, a brass station and two Service overcoats were stolen from the Admiral's barge, which was lying alongside H.M.S. *Hawkins*.

There will be a sale of Crown Land at the Public Works Department Office this afternoon, at three o'clock. The land is New Kowloon Inland Lot, No. 1122, and is situated at the junction of Tai Nam Street and Wong Chuk Street, Shamshuipo. The area is 2,082 square feet, and the upset price \$2,602.50. The annual Crown rental is \$14.

The Hong Kong Branch of the Mother's Union will hold their annual sale on Tuesday, February 21st, at the Helena May Institute, commencing at 3 o'clock. There will be a variety of useful articles for sale, including good things to eat. Everything is very moderately priced and buyers will obtain good value for their money. Proceeds will be given to Local and Home Charities.

Capt. Carnegie, of Wellington Barracks, has reported to the police that during Thursday night, some cut and stole from sixty yards of telephone wire from the hide-side at Quarry Bay, the wire being the property of the military authorities.

Another report Mr. A. N. Braude, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, states that about a hundred yards of wire were cut and stolen from Saiwanho, near Kam Wah Street, on Thursday night. The value of the stolen wire is placed at \$40.

Among the passengers leaving Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s. *Kayser* for Home on Saturday were:—Mr. L. J. Blackburn (manager of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.), Mr. E. S. C. Brooks (well-known local solicitor), Mr. W. G. L. Darbar, Mr. T. E. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Haig, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. C. Hallows, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Mr. F. S. J. Johannsen, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon, Mr. W. Smalley and Mr. H. W. Wilson.

OBITUARY.
MR J. G. THOMPSON.
FUNERAL AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, of Mr. J. G. Thompson, of the Hong Kong Telephone Co. The Rev. Father Terruzzi officiated.

The late Mr. Thompson, who was only 26 years of age, had been employed on the outdoor staff of the Telephone Company since the last school in 1913.

Mr. Thompson had a wide circle of friends, and at his funeral yesterday, the entire staff of Chinese connected with the Cable and Construction Departments attended. Several European members of the Company were also present.

Among the many floral tributes sent were the following:

Members of the Chinese Staff, Cable Dept., Chinese Staff of the Telephone Company, European Staff, The Whole Staff, Telephone Co. Construction Staff, Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Tolan, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Gascon and Mr. Wong Ming Yuen.

TWO KOWLOON ACCIDENTS.
LAICHIKOK WARDER BADLY INJURED.

Two accidents happened yesterday afternoon in Kowloon curiously enough at about the same time. A European warder, Mr. E. Barrett, employed at the Laichikok Prison, fell off his motor-cycle, an A.F.S. combination, near Castle Peak.

Mr. Barrett was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by a well known Chinese, Mr. J. H. Law, who happened to be near at the time. The injured warder was in a serious condition.

his head and clothing were covered with blood and his thigh was, apparently, badly damaged. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. It was later stated that his left hip had been badly dislocated in addition to abrasures on his arms, head and legs. The patient was X-rayed and the dislocated bones re-set. He is now going on as well as could be expected.

A Nathan Road Accident.
A Chinese, Yee Fong, about 30 years of age, was knocked down in Nathan Road, Yaumatei, yesterday evening, at about 4.15 p.m., by military car No. 1272. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where it was found his back was dislocated and he is in a very serious condition.

NEW PLAY AT THE GARRICK THEATRE.
CHINESE TO ACT THE PART OF PIRATES.

According to Home papers it has been decided that Chinese shall play the part of pirates in the new play "Tin Gods" which was due to open at the Garrick Theatre on February 1st. It was agreed that with English actors—masquerading as Chinese, a play so essentially Chinese in its setting would lose both in atmosphere and realism.

Writing on the subject Mr. Edgar Middleton says:—"Several people have already criticised us in this respect. Personally, I cannot see that it is any more logical to ban the employment of British subjects born in China, which all our pirates are, than to prohibit an Englishman from working in Hong Kong."

WEATHER REPORT.
Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone has strengthened. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the E.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

JAPAN'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

LEADS TO A STRUGGLE.

SPEAKER STABBED. ANOTHER STONED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 19th.

At seven o'clock to-morrow morning drums, temple bells and sirens will announce the opening of Japan's first election under Universal Manhood Suffrage when 9,000,000 will cast their votes for the first time.

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With the time drawing near, excitement is increasing while charges and counter-charges of irregularities are being freely made on all sides.

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AUSTRALIA'S CONDOLENCES.

MR. BALDWIN'S LETTER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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"PRELIMINARY STEPS" REPORTED.

ANOTHER MILITARY CONFERENCE AT PEKING.

CHANG FAT FU'S TROOPS TO PARTICIPATE IN NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.

50,000 PEOPLE WELCOME CHIANG KAI SHEK TO KAIFENG.

The veteran Marshal Tuan Chi Jui has advised Shansi's Governor to make peace with the Fengtienese "as quickly as possible." A preliminary step in that direction is reported with reference to negotiations for an exchange of prisoners.

Another military conference has been proceeding in Peking during the week-end, probably with reference to the possibility of an armistice between the Fengtienese and Shansi. Nothing definite is reported, so far.

Chang Fat Fu's troops are to be diverted from the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border to a point further north so that they may participate in the Northern campaign.

Chiang Kai Shek actually reached Kaifeng, where the native Press reports that he received a splendid welcome "from some 50,000 people." He is conferring with the "Christian General" and other Nationalist military leaders at Chengchow with reference to the Northern campaign.

CHIANG KAI SHEK NOW AT CHENGCHOW.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 19th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, accompanied by his suite including Ho Cheng Chun and Chiu, Leh Tsz, arrived at Kaifeng by a special train on the 19th inst. During their journey towards Kaifeng, they were heartily received by Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, Dr. C. T. Wang and other prominent officials.

On his arrival at Kaifeng, Chiang was accorded a splendid welcome by some 50,000 people representing all classes in the city.

On the same night an important military conference was held in Government House.

On the following day Marshal Chiang left for Chengchow.

An Educational Conference. The Political Commission of the Nanking Government has decided to hold a nation-wide educational conference by May.

The Struggle For Hsuehchow. According to a Japanese report, Sun Chuan Fang is planning to recapture Hsuehchow. Marshal Chang Tso Lin is reported to have agreed to supply him with ammunition and expeditionary expenses. The Anhui Headquarters have no wish to start an offensive campaign on a large scale in the Tientsin-Pukow Railway zone at present.

CHANG FAT FU'S TROOPS AWAITING NANKING'S ORDERS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 19th.

According to a report from Nanking, the capital of Kiangsi, General Chang Fat Fu's troops are stationed in the Kwangtung and Shehchong districts, Kiangsi, near the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border. They are awaiting orders from the Nationalist Government to move northward to participate in the Northern Expedition.

MILITARY CONFERENCE IN PEKING.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

PEKING, Feb. 18th.

Chang Tszung Chang and Chu Yu Pu have arrived in Peking for the purpose of attending the military conference this week-end.

HO CHIEN NEARING ICHANG.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, Feb. 17th.

It is reported that General Ho Chien is approaching here. The military position in Ichang, Shensi and other places down the river to Temple Hill, remains obscure.

BRITISH CONVOY FIRED ON.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

YANOTSE, Feb. 18th.

There is no change in the situation.

The only casualties which occurred when the British convoy was fired upon on February 18th were two Chinese wounded in the river steamer *Shasi*, as previously reported.

Three ships, in addition to H.M.S. *Woodark*, were all hit by the bullets and shell.

NEW ZEALAND AND SAMOA.

TWO CRUISERS BEING SENT TO THE ISLAND.

NATIVE ORGANISATION CAUSING TROUBLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WELLINGTON, Feb. 19th.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, announced that the Cabinet has decided, as a purely precautionary measure, to send the cruisers *Dundee* and *Diamond* to Samoa, where a serious position has arisen owing to the failure of the efforts to effect a reconciliation between the Mau committee (a native organisation aiming at self-government in Samoa) and the loyal section of the native population.

The Administrator reports that any action by the official police will be regarded as a signal for general retaliation by the Mau against Europeans.

The entire police force are powerless and the maintenance of peace is improbable.

DISASTER NEAR SAN FRANCISCO.

FERRY BOAT STRUCK BY HUGE WAVE.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 19th.

Twenty persons have been drowned in a ferry-boat disaster midway between here and Oakland. A huge wave crashed on deck and 40 persons were swept overboard. Panic hindered the rescue.

Official List.

The official list reduces the number of the drowned to eight.

THE OIL WAR.

DIFFERENCES PATCHED UP.

AN INDEMNITY FUND.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 18th.

The *World* understands that the Standard Oil and Royal Dutch companies have patched up their differences and are calling off the price war. No details are issued but it is believed the Standard Oil Company is willing to earmark annually a part of the proceeds from the sale of Russian oil as an indemnity fund for the benefit of owners of oil property seized by the Soviet.

[A recent New York message stated: The oil controversy between the Standard Oil Company and the Royal Dutch Shell group, following Sir Henri Deterding's criticisms of the Soviet policy in purchasing oil from Russia as "against the interests of humanity and trade honesty" has been carried a stage further by the categorical statement issued by the American spokesman of the Royal Dutch Company, declaring that the Royal Dutch intends to fight the Standard Oil in any country to which the latter ships "Russian stolen goods."]

Compulsory Arbitration Principle. HAVANA, Feb. 18th.

The most important development at to-day's session of the Pan-American Congress was the approval, in which the United States concurred, of the principle of compulsory arbitration as "the key to the maintenance of peace in the Western hemisphere and as providing a logical means for the settlement of international disputes."

The sub-committee on Public International Law unanimously adopted its report which calls for "a Conference at Washington to draw up a collective Pan-American Arbitration Convention."

HAVANA, February 19th.

The next Pan-American Conference will be held in Montevideo and the eighth in a country facing the Pacific Coast.

S.S. "LEVIATHAN" AGROUND.

REFLOATS WITH TIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 18th.

The 50,000 ton liner *Leviathan*, the largest ship in the world, on its way from New York to Southampton went ashore on a sandbank at the entrance to Southampton water. The *Leviathan* remained fast for two hours but refloated with the rising tide.

AMERICA AND MONOPOLIES.

REPORTS REVEAL "MARKED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19th.

The Judiciary Committee have approvingly reported to the House of Representatives on the Bill permitting American combines collectively to purchase rubber, potash and aial, but the minority report of the Committee reveals marked differences of opinion with regard to the ultimate effect of the Bill if enacted whereas an overwhelming majority believes that the "Formal" import pools are the best method of managing the alien Government monopolies. The minority are of opinion that foreign monopolies will merely be replaced by more absolute American monopolies and the fear of the small American manufacturer is that they will be entirely at the mercy of the import pools and the consumer will find prices increased instead of decreased.

It is officially stated that the ex-Maharaja had repeatedly participated in disloyal activities since his abdication despite warnings. His minor son, Tikka Sahib, succeeds to the throne immediately.

SLUMP ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

LEADING ISSUES DROP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 18th.

General liquidation continued in the stock market, most of the leading issues falling. United States Steel Corporation fell below 140 for the first time this year but rallied slightly, while Midland Steel Products Preferred dropped 13 points to 199. Losses from 4 to 5.60 were numerous.

To-day's sale aggregated 1,931,000 shares, which is a new Saturday record of business.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

MARQUESS OF CREWE'S SUCCESSOR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 18th.

The following statement has been issued by the Foreign Office:— "H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Sir W. G. Tyrrell, Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris, in succession to the Marquess of Crewe who is retiring in the summer. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has appointed the Right Honourable Sir R. C. Lindsay, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berlin, to be Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office."

Lord Crewe's ambassadorship has lasted for five eventful years, during which he has played part in many important and intricate post-war problems. The period included the later stages of the reparation controversy and the Ruhr occupation, the question of the establishment of the Dawes plan, preparations for the Locarno treaties, and the inter-allied debt settlement negotiations.

The Paris Embassy has naturally been one of the chief links between the British and French Governments on these issues.

Sir W. G. Tyrrell has been for nearly three years Permanent Under-Secretary, having succeeded to that important post on the death of Sir Eyre Creeve.

The *Times* says: "As Chief Assistant of the Foreign Secretary he has played a very active part in the recent international developments and his breadth of view and soundness of his judgment on a rapid succession of intricate questions have been widely recognised."

Commenting on Sir William Tyrrell's appointment to Paris, *Le Matin* to-day says: "The choice could not be a more flattering one to France. The success of such an eminent diplomatist is assured, for his fine character, his perfect understanding of France and the French people, together with the fact that he was one of the prime movers of the Entente Cordiale, are known to all."

Sir Ronald Lindsay, who is the son of the sixth Earl of Crawford, has held numerous diplomatic appointments at foreign capitals, including Saint Petersburg, The Hague, Cairo, Washington and Paris. He was additional Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office from 1921 to 1924, after which he was the British representative in Constantinople before appointment in 1925 as British Ambassador to Berlin.

EX-RULER OF THE NABHA STATE.

DEPRIVED OF HIS TITLE.

RESULT OF JUDICIAL FINDINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Feb. 19th.

The ex-ruler of the Nabha State, Ripudaman Singh, who abdicated five years ago on the Government of India taking over the administration, as a result of adverse judicial findings in connection with a dispute between Nabha and Patiala, has now been deprived of the title of Maharaja, his rights and privileges. His monthly allowance has been reduced from 25,000 to 10,000 rupees. He has also been ordered to reside at Kodaikanal, Madras.

It is officially stated that the ex-Maharaja had repeatedly participated in disloyal activities since his abdication despite warnings. His minor son, Tikka Sahib, succeeds to the throne immediately.

NURSE CAVELL FILM.

THE AMERICAN RIGHTS.

OPPOSITION TO THE EXHIBITION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

San Francisco, Feb. 19th.

The *World* says that opposition to the exhibition of the Cavell film is being manifested here following the announcement by Mr. Arch Selwyn that he had purchased the American rights.

Mr. James Gerard, Ambassador to Germany prior to America's declaration of war, has threatened action in the courts to prevent the exhibition in the United States on the ground of it being contrary to public policy.

GERMANY'S DYE PROCESSES.

AMERICAN SENTENCED FOR "COMMERCIAL ESPIONAGE."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, Feb. 19th.

Dueseldorf Court has sentenced the American, Guido Mefel, a dye expert at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to imprisonment for a year with a fine of 5,000 marks for "commercial espionage." It is alleged that he tried to obtain information regarding secret dye processes. Two German accomplices were also sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

FRANCE'S WAR TIME RE-ORGANISATION.

SENATE ADOPT THE BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, Feb. 18th.

The Senate by 28 votes to 35 adopted the Bill for the "Re-organisation of the nation in war time" with certain amendments.

GERMANY'S POLITICS.

GENERAL ELECTION IN MAY.

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, Feb. 19th.

The Reichstag has adjourned for the 27th inst., when the Government's "Emergency Programme," before the dissolution, will be dealt with.

The General Elections will probably be held on May 20th.

DUTCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Hague, Feb. 17th.

The First Chamber of the States-General has passed by 27 votes to 18, a Bill providing for the amalgamation of the Ministry of War with the Ministry of Marine. The new Ministry will be called the Ministry of National Defence.

THE EXPLOSION ON S.S. "CHUKY."

10,000 TONS CRUDE OIL ABOARD.

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 19th.

The oil-tanker *Chuky*, which "blew-up," had 10,000 tons of crude oil aboard. She was within 100 miles off Japan on Wednesday morning when the explosion occurred in the oil-tanks.

With the second and more violent explosion, which split the ship in two, the forward half turned turtle and sank.

The survivors believe that the captain and all those in the fore part of the vessel were killed in the first explosion except a deck-hand who was seen dashing after when the second explosion occurred.

An avalanche of blazing oil poured out and over-spilled the sea making it impossible for the survivors to launch a lifeboat till the flames subsided.

After 29 hours in a lifeboat in perishing cold 21 of the survivors, including several of the injured, were picked up by a trawler and taken to a fishing village, where they were shown the greatest of kindness.

The naval authorities despatched a destroyer which searched the scene throughout the night, without finding further survivors. The bodies of fourteen are missing.

THE STABILISATION OF EASTER.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 17th.

After an interesting debate, the House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of the Bill providing for the stabilisation of Easter. The Bill fixes the festival on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April.

Moving the second reading, Capt. Bourne (Conservative) said that when this question was referred to the Council of the League Nations there was almost unanimity of opinion that the date chosen should be towards the end of the first part of April, after the second Sunday and not later than the third.

The date in the Bill was an attempt to compromise between these views. It was provided that the Bill, if it were passed, should not come into operation until a date to be fixed by the Government, because this country could not stabilise Easter with a total disregard of the rest of the world.

Sir Henry Slesser (Labour) moved the rejection of the Bill, declaring that no adequate reason had been shown for altering the system of fixing the religious festival, which had existed for 1,000 years. He pointed out that the Roman Church could not come to a decision on the subject because no change could be made by the Oecumenical Council which would not be held until next year.

The Anglican and Greek Churches were not prepared to act except in agreement with other churches. If the Bill became law without an agreement with the churches there would be two Easters, secular and religious, and consequent confusion.

Mr. Merriman (Conservative) introduced an amendment in which he declared that if Easter immediately followed the full moon it afforded a better chance of good weather, and he cited statistics to illustrate his point.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary, said that the Government desired to leave this matter entirely to the decision of the House. If the House passed the Bill the Government would regard it as an intimation of their wish for the Government to proceed with various inquiries.

Fortified with the view of the House, the Government could go definitely to the other countries of Europe and other ecclesiastical authorities, and say the House of Commons had adopted it. He would then ask the Foreign Secretary to summon a conference of the nations interested.

Sir Henry Slesser withdrew his amendment and the Bill was read a second time without division.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 17th.

The private Bill providing for the stabilisation of Easter Day on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April, passed the second reading in the House of Commons to-day on a unanimous vote. Whenever the other European countries agree to a similar measure, the Government has undertaken to adopt the Bill. The Government has also undertaken to initiate international negotiations.

THE SIMON COMMISSION.

DEBATE IN THE INDIAN ASSEMBLY.

VIGOROUS SPEECHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Feb. 19th.

The debate on the motion was characterized by vigorous speeches on both sides. Ottila Nehru was loudly applauded when he paid a high tribute to Sir John Simon "as a big man," but would not advise Indians to surrender their rights to "the biggest man in the world." He said that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's telegram, stating that no Labour Government would appoint another Commission, had been received with amusement and pity at Mr. MacDonald's ignorance, as no Government of any kind could influence their decision.

Sir B. N. Mitra condemned the precipitate action of party leaders in rejecting Sir John Simon's invitation.

Sir Purnohat Das Thakurdas insisted that the omission of Indians from the Commission and Sir John Simon's letter were a studied affront and designed to indicate inferiority of Indians to the world.

Sir Hari Singh Gour favoured conditional co-operation and declared that their grievance was with Parliament and not with the Commission.

Sir Basil Blackett appealed to the House not to reject the British Parliament's sisterly hand, and claimed that his record proved him a far better Swarajist than the Congress Party, which was doing its best to retard Swaraj. He declared that the Assembly itself was proof of the earnestness of the Government's policy to advance self-determination but self-government must come by evolution. He emphasised the unlikelihood of the Commission being altered.

COCKFIGHTING SUSPECTED IN WILTSHIRE.

POLICE NIGHT RAID ON FARM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A raid by policemen on the premises of a Wiltshire farmer because, it was alleged, cockfighting was suspected, was related before Mr. Justice Aston at Devizes.

Assisted at the hearing of an action for damages brought by the farmer, Mr. George Giddings Ruddle, of Burton, Bishops Cleeves, near Devizes.

The defendants were Sergeant Thomas Howell of the Wiltshire Constabulary, who was sued for damages alleged to have arisen out of the execution of a search warrant, and Mr. Herbert Sainsbury, of Greystone House, Devizes, a magistrate, who signed the warrant, which it was alleged, empowered the police to "search for fowls or cocks, and any instruments retained for fighting or baiting."

It was stated for Mr. Ruddle that his house was surrounded by police about ten o'clock at night and that while some of the police searched the house, taking up carpets and turning over cupboards and drawers, others jumped in and out of windows and did damage in the garden.

Lifted Up Bodily.

Mr. Ruddle, in the witness-box, said that at the time of the raid he was suffering from gout and was lying on a sofa.

"Sergeant Howell and other officers," he added, "lifted both myself and the sofa up bodily."

Mr. Justice Aston: "I don't understand this. There is no harm in keeping game cocks, is there?"

Mr. Ruddle: "Not that I know, my lord."

Cross-examined, Mr. Ruddle denied that any cockfighting was in contemplation. He admitted having been fined £25 in 1921 for unlawfully keeping a cockpit, but not for fighting cocks.

Mr. Giddings for the defence, submitted there could be no action against the police, because they acted on what purported to be a legal warrant. He admitted, however, that under the Act Mr. Sainsbury had no authority for issuing such a warrant.

Mr. Sainsbury said the information on which he signed the warrant was that cockfighting was suspected, and he understood the matter was urgent and that the warrant must be acted on forthwith. He signed it about 8 p.m.

The hearing was adjourned.

THE WEEK-END SPORT.

Cricket, Local and Home Football, Racing, Hockey, Boxing, etc.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

K.O.S.B.'S. AND KOWLOON F.C. SECURE DOUBLES.

CHINA ATHLETIC BEATEN AT SOOKUNPOO.

PLAYERS ORDERED OFF IN A JUNIOR GAME.

The following are the results of Saturday's games:—

HONG KONG F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELDS.

Seniors.

K.O.S.B.'s, 2; China Athletic, 1.
Hong Kong Police, 4; Club de Recreo, 0.

Second Round.

Kowloon F.C., 2; R.A.F., 1.
R.A.A., 1; Scots Guards, 0.

Juniors.

K.O.S.B.'s Reserves, 7; Club de Recreo Reserves, 0.
China Athletic Reserves, 5; South China "A", 1.
St. Joseph's "A", 3; Queen's Regt. Reserves, 0.
Kowloon F.C. Reserves, 1; Scots Guards Reserves, 0.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division II. "B."

China Athletic, 2; Kowloon "B", 0.

Division I. "A."

The H.K.F.C. Reserves failed to turn out against the R.A. Reserves at Caroline Hill.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

K.O.S.B.'s v. China Athletic.

The re-play in the Senior Shield Competition between the above teams has been the topic of football circles during the past week and large crowds wended their way to the Garrison ground at Sookunpo. Anderson was absent from the K.O.S.B.'s goal and McDougall of the Reserves substituted. Pau Ka Ping was in the goal for the Athletic and Stock made a welcome re-appearance in the K.O.S.B.'s attack.

With excitement running high, the K.O.S.B.'s took the lead half-way through the second half following good work by Alexander on the wing. Total beat Pau Ka Ping from close range.

The Athletic now went all out to wipe off the deficit but Martin and Gardner played a great game in the K.O.S.B.'s defence. Suen Kum Shun could do little against Daxey and would have probably done better had he took up his usual position at inside left. Campbell received a pass from Stock and beat Pau Ka Ping with a flying shot. The Athletic were now in the unusual position of two goals in arrears and with the K.O.S.B.'s middle line on top of their form, a win seemed assured for the holders. The Athletic scored through Mow Choi and then put on pressure for the other goal. The K.O.S.B.'s defended well and when the final whistle sounded they were leading by two goals to one. The K.O.S.B.'s are now due to meet the H.K.F.C. on the Club ground on Wednesday next in the second round of the Competition.

Hong Kong Police v. Club de Recreo.

These teams met in the re-play in the Shield Competition, on the H.K.F.C. ground, the game ending in a win for the Police by the only goal of the match. The game was keenly contested throughout and there was little to choose between the teams. Whereas the Recreo appeared to have the advantage forward, the Police had much the better defence. A re-shuffling of the Recreo team towards the close did not improve the Recreo's chances of pulling the game round. It is not understood why Gosano took up the position of right back. Hudson scored the winning goal half-way through the second half. The Police are due to play the Queen's Regt. on Wednesday, the Police having the choice of ground.

R.A. v. Scots Guards.

This game in the second round was played on the Chatham Road ground, the R.A. qualifying for the semi-final by a goal to nil. The defence on both sides played soundly and the forwards could make little headway. Half-time, no score. Early in the second half, the R.A. were prominent in attack, but shooting was wild. Half way through this half the R.A. took the lead through Fulford who scored from outside the penalty area. The Guards extended the R.A. defence trying to get on level terms. A shot from Carwell entered the net, but the referee decided against the Guards, owing to Philpotts being impeded. Final score: R.A., 1; Scots Guards, 0.

Kowloon Reserves v. Scots Guards Reserves.

This game was played on the Railway ground at Kowloon and ended in favour of the home team by a goal to nil. Kowloon were early attacking and Caldwell was kept busy in goal for the Guards. Spary and Eastman worried the Guards defence but failed to get the ball into the net.

Crossing over with a blank sheet, both teams struggled for the lead. A shot from Eastman fully extended Caldwell, while at the other end McCarthy should have scored for the Guards for with only the goalie to beat he delayed his shot and Slipper coming out got the ball away. Kowloon scored from a penalty, Guest converting from the spot, kick, giving Caldwell no chance.

HONG KONG LEAGUE: DIV. II. "B."

China Athletic v. Kowloon "B". Played at Caroline Hill, the Athletic winning by two goals to nil. Li Ping Tong (penalty) and Li Hing Cheung scored the goals.

LEAGUE TABLES.

POSITIONS TO DATE.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
China Ath.	13	14	2	0	38	3	24
Scots Guards	16	8	2	5	25	12	22
R.A.	16	8	2	5	28	19	20
K.O.S.B.	15	7	5	3	27	12	19
Queen's Regt.	15	7	2	6	40	25	18
R.A.F.	17	4	5	8	23	13	13
Recreo	11	5	2	4	17	10	12
H.K. Club	16	4	3	9	30	36	10
South China	17	3	4	10	15	55	10
Kowloon	12	3	3	6	13	24	9
Police	14	2	2	10	5	23	6

Division II. "A."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	10	15	1	0	60	6	31
St. Joseph's	10	13	1	2	40	19	27
China Ath.	10	9	2	5	33	10	20
Kowloon	15	7	2	6	24	21	18
S. China "B"	14	6	4	5	15	21	18
R.A.	15	7	0	8	15	20	14
University	17	3	4	10	18	34	10
Recreo	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
S. China "A"	15	3	1	11	12	45	7
H.K. Club	12	1	0	11	7	21	2

Division II. "B."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
China Ath.	14	12	2	0	43	12	28
Kung Woo	14	12	2	0	32	10	22
S. China "B"	14	7	1	5	24	23	18
S. China "A"	14	7	1	5	27	22	18
St. Joseph's	13	5	4	4	27	22	14
Moslem	14	4	1	9	13	30	9
Kowloon "B"	13	2	1	10	13	42	5
Boy Scouts	14	1	1	12	22	44	3

YESTERDAY'S CHARITY MATCH.

Club de Recreo 4, China Ath. 2. Yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground, a Charity game was played between teams representing the Club de Recreo and China Athletic. Both teams fielded reserve players. The attendance in the stands was very poor. Mr. H. M. McLachlan was the referee.

Club de Recreo won the toss and Senhor A. L. Cerveira de Albuquerque opened the game. The Athletic opened strongly but Fernandez was late in the Recreo's goal. B. Gosano opened the score with a fast shot. A. Gosano, playing at centre-half kept the Athletic towards guessing. They handled the ball inside the penalty area and then took the spot kick but Fernandez saved well and applause for the Athletic came again and 'to sent in a wing shot, Fernandez pushed the ball out and Suen returned it into the net making the score one all. Rocha gave the Recreo the lead with a fast shot from twenty yards range.

Half-time: Recreo 2; Athletic 1. Resuming, the Recreo went off with a dash and Pau was forced to throw behind. Choi cleared the flag kick and 'to racing away beat all opposition and landed the ball in the net.

With the score two all, Lau Mau was forced to retire from the field, the Athletic playing ten men only for the rest of the game. Silva rushed the ball in following a well placed corner kick giving the Recreo the lead. Soon after Silva again beat Pau. In the closing minutes the Recreo should have put on two more goals, but Rocha Pereira failed within the goal area. Final score, Recreo 4; Athletic 2.

At the close of the game, the Consul-General for Portugal presented gold medals to the Recreo team and silver ones to the Athletic. Before retiring, the Consul-General, to make the presentation, Mr. Osmond thanked Senhor Almeida for coming there and making the presentation; Mr. Lee of the Athletic and Mr. John Lawrence for arranging the game; the H.K.F.C. for the loan of the ground and the players for a fine exhibition of the game. Three cheers for the Consul-General were given by the members of both teams.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

CARDIFF CITY ELIMINATED.

In the English League on Saturday, only the two sections of Division III, played a full programme of matches. Teams in the first and second divisions were mainly engaged in the fifth round of the Football Association Cup, the League programme being curtailed to four games in Division I. and seven in Division II. Most of the Scottish teams were playing in the third round of the Scottish Cup and consequently there was only one League game north of the Tweed.

THE F.A. CUP.

An unexpected surprise in the F.A. Cup fifth round, in which eight teams now remain in the contest, was the defeat of Cardiff City (holders of the trophy) by Notts Forest, a second Division team, on the latter's ground by the odd goal in three.

Both the London Clubs won. The Arsenal (runners-up last season) are making a strong bid for the Cup this year. They had no difficulty in eliminating Aston Villa, also a good cup-fighting team. Tottenham Spurs defeated Leicester by three goals to nothing.

The only two Second Division teams opposing each other were Manchester City and Stoke, and although playing away the honours went to Stoke.

Huddersfield, who are practically at the top of Division I., beat Middlesbrough by four goals to nil.

There was only one drawn match in the eight played, this being between Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United, each team getting one goal.

The sixth round will be played on Saturday, March 3rd, and this round will decide who shall enter the semi-finals, which will be decided on Saturday, March 24th. The final will be played on Saturday, April 21st.

With the exception of Stoke and Notts Forest (Second Division) the teams competing in the sixth round are all from Division I. of the League. They will be: Manchester United, the Wednesday and Sheffield United, the Arsenal, Tottenham, Huddersfield and Blackburn.

With two London teams left in the sixth round, there seems a very good chance that the trophy will once more come back to the Metropolis, for of the teams left it is hardly likely that Stoke or Notts Forest will survive the next round, although, it is the unexpected that happens in cup ties.

The last time the Cup was won by a London team was in the 1893-94 season, when Tottenham beat the Wolves. Will it be the good fortune of Tottenham to bring the Cup back again?

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

In the Third Round of the Scottish Cup, all matches, with the exception of one, were won outright. The drawn match was that between Kilmarnock and Queen's Park, each team securing four goals.

The fourth round of the Scottish Cup will be played on March 3rd, the semi-finals on March 24th, and the final on April 14th.

Results of matches played, as cabled by Reuters, and amended. League statistics are given below:

F.A. CUP.

Fifth Round.

Manchester U. 1, Birmingham 0.	Wednesday 1, Sheffield U. 1.
Arsenal 4, Aston Villa 1.	Leicester 0, Tottenham 2.
Manchester C. 0, Stoke 1.	Huddersfield 4, Middlesbrough 0.
Blackburn 2, Port Vale 1.	Notts Forest 2, Cardiff 1.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Third Round.

Celtic 2, Alloa 0.	St. Mirren 0, Partick 5.
Dundee 1, Dunfermline 2.	Hibernians 0, Falkirk 0.
Albion 3, Airdrieonians 1.	King's Park 3, Rangers 1.
Kilmarnock 4, Queen's Park 4.	Hearts 1, Motherwell 2.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Burnley 0, West Ham 0.	Bury 3, Derby 0.
Newcastle 2, Bolton 2.	Portsmouth 3, Sunderland 5.

Division II.

Bristol C. 5, Clapton O. 1.	Fulham 2, S. Shields 0.
Notts City 1, Reading 1.	Oldham 1, Grimsby 0.
Southampton 2, Blackpool 0.	Swansea 1, Leeds 1.
West Brom. 4, Wolves 0.	

Division III. (Southern).

Coventry 1, Gillingham 2.	Crystal Pal 3, Luton 2.
Exeter 0, Brentford 1.	Millwall 5, Charlton 0.
Newport 2, Walsall 1.	Norwich 2, Southend 1.
Queen's P.R. 0, Plymouth 1.	Swindon 1, Merthyr 2.
Torquay 2, Bournemouth 1.	Watford 2, Bristol R. 1.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington 3, Halifax 2.	Bradford 1, Barrow 1.
Chesham 2, Nelson 0.	Douglas 2, Ashington 2.
Durham 1, Rotherham 4.	Hartlepool 2, Bradford C. 3.
Lincoln 1, New Brighton 2.	Southport 2, Darlington 0.
Tranmere 5, Stockport 2.	Wigan 2, Crewe 1.
Wrexham 2, Rochdale 1.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Cowdenbeath 2, Bo'ness 3.	
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Division II.

Everton 2, 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

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Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

Division IV.

Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

Division V.

Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

Division VI.

Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

Division VII.

Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
Blackburn 28 10 9 9 40 49 29	

Division VIII.

Everton 29 14 7 7 3 48 35	Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 47 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 71 23	Bolton 29 13 8 8 59 44 32
Burnley 30 14 3 13 60 67 31	Cardiff 27 11 3 8 48 46 30
Tottenham 29 11 8 10 60 66 30	Newcastle 29 12 5 11 60 60 29
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SATURDAY'S CRICKET RESULTS.

F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

CARDIFF CITY ELIMINATED.

UNIVERSITY DEFEATS RECREO.

NO SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Owing to Saturday's Races there was an unusually small cricket programme. Four friendly games were played and one league match. By defeating the Recreo on their own ground, the University have consolidated their position as leaders of the 2nd division. Recreo, the runners-up, are four points below them, so even if the 'Varsity lost their remaining match—which is unlikely—they would still retain their position.

By winning all their eight matches during the season, the University have put up a very good performance, and well deserve the Shield.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the Captain, Mr. T. T. Batma, and his men.

DIVISION II.

UNIVERSITY v. RECREO.

Going over to Kowloon, the University defeated the Recreo by four wickets.

Recreo batted first but found the bowling of the University too much for them, and were all out for 65 runs. R. C. Reed made 29 while Hiptoola bowling extremely well took four wickets for 10 runs.

Batting after tea, the Varsity very soon passed their opponents' total and declared at 74 runs for six wickets. Kermani was top scorer for the Varsity with 27 runs, while M. Pinna, took 4 wickets for 21 runs.

The scores were:—

Club de Recreo.	
H. M. Xavier, b. Sudan..... 0	
R. C. Reed, c. Osman, b. Hiptoola..... 29	
M. Pinna, b. A. T. Lee..... 7	
D. P. Xavier, b. A. T. Lee..... 2	
H. A. Alves, b. Hiptoola..... 10	
E. Sousa, c. Baker, b. Sudan..... 4	
D. F. Lopes, run out..... 0	
L. J. Gutierrez, b. Hiptoola..... 0	
F. H. Carvalho, c. Chan Fook, b. A. T. Lee..... 12	
H. Barros, c. W. M. Gittins, b. Hiptoola..... 0	
C. Sousa, not out..... 1	
Extras..... 0	
Total..... 65	

Bowling Analysis.	
A. T. Lee..... 0.5 5 13 3	
Sudan..... 8 1 29 2	
Hiptoola..... 9 3 10 4	
W. M. Gittins..... 3 0 13 0	

University 2nd XI.

S. Kermani, c. H. M. Xavier, b. Reed..... 27	
H. T. Barma, b. Pinna..... 3	
W. M. Gittins, c. H. M. Xavier, b. Pinna..... 16	
M. B. Osman, b. H. A. Alves, c. A. T. Lee, c. D. P. Xavier, b. Pinna..... 0	
B. N. Sudan, b. Pinna..... 1	
A. Baker, not out..... 5	
A. B. Suleiman, not out..... 5	
Extras..... 7	
Total (for 6 wks.)..... 74	

F. Hiptoola, S. F. Chen, A. Chan Fook did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.	
Pinna..... 10 5 21 4	
H. A. Alves..... 12 2 10 1	
C. Sousa..... 3 2 7 0	
Reed..... 4 1 12 1	
D. Xavier..... 2 0 3 0	
E. Sousa..... 1 0 2 0	
Carvalho..... 1 0 3 0	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE:

(DIVISION I.)

	G.	M.	R.	W.
A. T. Lee	0.5	5	13	3
Sudan	8	1	29	2
Hiptoola	9	3	10	4

LAST DAY OF ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

DUMFRIES WINS SUB. GRIFFINS CLASSIC.

HONOURS WELL DIVIDED.

(By RAPIER.)

The attendance on Saturday afternoon at Happy Valley showed that despite three days previous racing the public were as keen as ever.

There were not many real upsets but the dividends nevertheless ran into double figures in all the races except two while the cash sweeps were much above normal.

The chief event of the day, the Subscription Griffins Championship, was won by Major Lake's Dumfries and this made the fourth sporting victory to the credit of the Borderers' on Saturday. They won the football match, the boxing tournament and the yacht race. Verily a sporting regiment.

THE RACING.

Mr. Dunbar did not start any of his ponies, and many others were missing including November, Young Pretender, Movanger and Eratville.

It is always pleasing to see owner jockeys winning and Usher's two victories and Stanton's splendid win (878) were very gratifying but, of course, the man primarily responsible for these successes is that very knowing trainer, Capt. Reidy.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin well ridden by Bulter gave the stable its first win and incidentally paid \$24.10 although it was my selection in the absence of King of the Plains which also won a race and paid \$22.30.

The "Eve" stable had a good day and Boxing Eve ran well in the sixth race. The late stable jockey, Mr. Billy Hill, who had retired from his stall apparently found his call too insistent and he turned up at the course on Saturday looking in excellent trim. He was given the mount on Boxing Eve and rode with his usual skill to win a very nice race against Pickle with New Year's Eve taking third place. Mr. Hill returned to his box as soon as the race was over and left for Shanghai where he will no doubt continue his racing successes.

All the handicap races produced good finishes and Mr. Alvis is to be congratulated upon his allotment of weights.

After the somewhat fulsome paragraph in a Sunday contemporary about Mr. Fiddler Wilson's starting I am almost afraid to touch upon this subject. However, I'll content myself by saying there were no complaints.

Throughout the Meeting the racing has been fairly clean and it must not be forgotten that occasional incidents are inevitable more especially in griffin and subscription griffin races where the ponies are not familiar with racing and are inclined to run wild at times. The Stewards can always hold an enquiry into any untoward happening but this does not, of course, necessarily imply the existence of any ill feeling or mean that there is any reflection upon the parties concerned. It might perhaps be as well if the Stewards exercised their right to hold enquiries more often for the satisfaction of the public whose judgments are usually rather hasty being based on a somewhat superficial knowledge of the facts.

THE OFFICIALS.

Patron:—H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

Honorary Stewards:—H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald T. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.C.L. (Oxon), H.E. Major-General C. G. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.

Stewards:—Mr. H. P. White (Chairman), Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Sir Henry C. Gollan, Kt., C.B.E., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. C. J. Gordon, Mackie, Mr. R. J. Paterson, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and Mr. F. Sutton.

Stewards in Charge of the Scales:—Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Judge:—Mr. D. E. Clark.

Assistant Judge:—Mr. P. Testet.

Starter:—Mr. P. M. Hodgson.

Second Starter:—Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

Steward in Charge of the Paddock:—Mr. F. Sutton.

Handicapper:—Mr. C. M. S. Ayres.

Stewards in Charge of Pari-mutuel:—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. C. J. Gordon Mackie.

Timekeeper:—Mr. H. H. Priestley.

Hon. Veterinary Surgeons:—Major F. Hogg, R.A.V.C. and Mr. L. Reidy.

Secretary:—Mr. C. Bernard Brown.

Transfer:—Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Clerk of the Course:—Mr. C. G. Mackie.

The Tylan Handicap, "B"

Class: One Mile.

M. Sess. Stanton and Reidy's Tarzan, 152 lbs.

(Mr. Stanton) 1

Mr. F. C. Hall's The Comet, 155 lbs.

(Mr. Maitland) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tay, 158 lbs.

(Mr. Usher) 3

Also ran:—Social Call (Mr. Dur-

lacher); Busaco (Mr. G. da Roza);

Easing Wold (Mr. Reidy); Dundee

(Mr. Tyrwhitt); King Constantine

(Mr. Haimovitch); Liberty Hall

(Mr. Wong); Skipper (Mr. Bulter);

Slang River (Mr. Wallace); Little

River (Mr. Proulx); The Grouse

(Mr. Sewell); Fook Shau (Mr. Ho);

Galopin (Mr. Harriman).

Time: 2:11.5.

Won by a neck; a length between

second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$73.00.

Places: 1st, \$20.40; 2nd, \$9.30; 3rd,

\$37.30.

The Hong Kong Handicap, "A"

Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Winner \$600; second \$200; third

\$100. For all China ponies that

have started at least twice at this

Meeting. This race may be divided

into two classes, at the discretion of

the handicapper. Entrance \$10.

Stakes to be the same for both

classes.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve, 163 lbs.

(Mr. Hill) 1

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr.

C. Gordon Mackie's Pickle, 165

lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve, 160

lbs. (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Also ran:—Heir Apparent (Mr.

Haimovitch); Artistic Hall (Mr.

Loo); Manor Hall (Mr. Wong).

Time: 2:30.45.

Won by one and a half lengths; one

length between second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$23.10.

Places: 1st, \$6.60; 2nd, \$6.00; 3rd,

\$8.00.

The Hong Kong Handicap, "B"

Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, 160

lbs. (Mr. Bulter) 1

Mr. Eve's Yick's Warlordship, 160

lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Eve's Festive Eve, 165 lbs.

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Also ran:—Barley Grass (Mr. G.

da Roza); Borderer (Mr. Clark);

Tangle (Mr. Reidy); August (Mr.

Erskine).

Time: 2:43.15.

Won by half a length; six lengths

between second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$24.10.

Places: 1st, \$6.30; 2nd, \$5.40; 3rd,

\$8.30.

The Professional Cup and Subscrip-

tion Griffins' Champions:—

1 1/4 Miles.

A Sweepstakes of \$25 each for

starters. A Cup presented, \$500

to the winner by the donors and

\$1,000 added; second \$500; third

\$300. To be won two years in suc-

cession or three years in all by ponies

the bona fide property of the same

owner or owners. For subscription

griffins of this Meeting. Winners

and placed ponies only. Weight for

inches as per scale.

Major Lake's Dumfries, 158 lbs.

(Mr. Maitland) 1

Mr. Eve's Gala Eve, 158 lbs.

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 2

Mr. George's Horsford, 158 lbs.

(Mr. Haimovitch) 3

Also ran:—Masonic Hall (Mr.

Wong); Spinner (Mr. Bulter); Fair

Eyes (Mr. G. da Roza).

Time: 2:42.5.

Won by half a length; four

lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$23.00.

Places: 1st, \$5.70; 2nd, \$7.00; 3rd,

\$7.10.

The "United Services" Cup:—

One Mile.

A Cup will be presented to the

winner with \$200 added; second

\$150; third, \$75. For China ponies

the bona fide property of and to be

ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Regu-

lar Forces. Ponies leased by

Officers from Government will, for

the purpose of this race, be con-

sidered as the bona fide property of

such Officers. Catch weights at 160

lbs. Entrance \$5.

Warrington, 160 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 1

Castle, 160 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 2

Easter Day, 160 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 3

Also ran:—Durham (Mr. Sugden);

Silver Fox (Mr. Richards); Ace of

Spades (Mr. Shillington); Berwick

(Mr. Wolfe-Murray).

Time: 2:10.

Won by many lengths; many

lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$7.40.

Places: 1st, \$5.60; 2nd, \$10.00; 3rd,

\$6.30.

The Also Ran Stakes: One Mile.

Winner \$400; second \$150; third

\$75. For griffins of this Meeting

that have started at least twice and

have not won. Subscription griffins

of this Meeting allowed 7 lbs.

Weight for inches as per scale.

(Jockey allowance.) Allowances ac-

cumulative. Entrance \$5.

Mr. Loo Cheuk Suen's U N H, 158

lbs. (Mr. Loo) 1

Mr. Ho Kom Tong's Manor Hall, 163

lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Miss Miah, 165

lbs. (Mr. Bulter) 3

Also ran:—Madeira (Mr. G. da

Roza); Green Slip (Mr. Pote Hunt);

Peter (Mr. Maitland); Sea Front

(Mr. Proulx); Meanwhile (Mr.

Haimovitch); Kna (Mr. Wallace).

Time: 2:10.15.

Won by three lengths; a head be-

tween second and third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$12.40.

Places: 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$9.10; 3rd,

\$8.60.

The "Lucky" Stakes: Six

Furlongs.

Winner \$400; second 150; third

\$75. For China ponies that have

started in at least two Extra Meet-

ings in 1927 and at least twice at

this Meeting and have not won at

this Meeting. Weight for inches as

per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

Entrance \$5.

Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy's

Macno Beauty, 153 lbs.

(Mr. Usher) 1

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tze

Lon, 160 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Eve's Bright Eye, 160 lbs.

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Also ran:—Brigade Call (Mr.

Maitland); Grey Knight (Mr. Dur-

lacher); Chui Chow Ning (Mr. Loo);

The Gomeril (Mr. Sewell); Ukelele

(Mr. Bulter); Mowgli (Mr. Stan-

ton).

Time: 1:32.45.

Won by half a length; one and a

half lengths between second and

third.

Pari-mutuel.

Winner: \$46.50.

Places: 1st, \$14.30; 2nd, \$13.20;

3rd, \$12.10.

WINNING OWNERS:

1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Mr. Eve 7 4 7

Mr. L. Dunbar 6 3 0

Mr. Dynasty 4 3 0

Messrs. Stanton and

Reidy 3 0 1

Major Lake 3 0 0

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes

and C. Gordon

Mackie 2 3 2

Mr. Ho Kom Tong 2 2 1

Mr. Moon 2 1 0

Mr. K. H. Kan 2 0 2

Mrs. E. L. Dunbar 2 0 0

Mrs. R. J. Paterson 1 3 4

Mr. Seth 1 2 0

Mr. C.T.C. 1 1 3

Mr. H. P. White 1 1 1

Mr. B. L. Yung 1 1 1

Messrs. Dyer & Beith 1 1 1

Mr. Luen Yick 1 1 0

Mr. Loo Cheuk Suen 1 1 0

Messrs. F. Usher and

L. Reidy 1 0 1

Mr. Hau Un 1 0 0

Mr. R. M. Austin 0 4 2

Mr. Chan Tin Sion 0 3 0

Mr. George 0 2 1

Mr. R. J. Paterson 0 1 2

Dr. S. To Wong 0 1 2

Mr. F. Usher 0 1 1

Messrs. C. L. Lau and

H. C. Hall 0 1 1

Mr. F. C. Hall 0 1 0

Mr. Huen Chung 0 1 0

Messrs. Hall and Shen-

ton 0 0 2

Mr. Waylong 0 0 2

Mr. Her Chong 0 0 1

Mr. Richardson 0 0 1

Mrs. Priestley 0 0 1

Messrs. Tester and

Abraham 0 0 1

Mr. K.H. 0 0 0

Mrs. Bernard 0 0 1

WINNING JOCKEYS:

1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Mr. Maitland 10 5 9

Mr. Pote Hunt 8 5 9

Mr. Haimovitch 4 4 2

Mr. Wong 4 6 1

Mr. Heard 3 7 5

Mr. Stanton 3 0 1

Mr. Usher 2 2 4

Mr. Charles 2 2 2

Mr. Loo 2 0 0

Mr. Bulter 1 3 7

Mr. Harriman 1 2 3

Mr. G. da Roza 1 1 3

Mr. Hill 1 0 0

Mr. Reidy 0 1 0

Mr. Erskine 0 1 0

Mr. Clark 0 1 0

Mr. Sewell 0 0 2

Mr. Proulx 0 0 2

INTER-REGIMENTAL BOXING.

K.O.S.B.'S WIN BY NARROW MARGIN.

CLEAN AND HARD FIGHTING AT FINALS.

THE G.O.C.'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The first inter-regimental boxing tournament was carried to a successful conclusion on Saturday night when the 2nd Bat. of the King's Own Scottish Borderers came out with flying colours, but the margin of their lead was only two points.

The K.O.S.B.'s are, indeed, a group of hard and clean fighters, and had it not been for the disqualification of Pte. Hume in the second round for accidentally hitting below the belt, they would have won by a bigger margin.

The 2nd Batt. Scots Guards took second prize, and they also must be congratulated on their games. They certainly gave the K.O.S.B.'s a good run for their money.

At the conclusion of the bout, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C. congratulated the winners and said that boxing was one of things that went to the making of a good soldier. In this game of give and take, the soldier was taught to keep a cool head, to take physical punishment and to put up a back to the wall stand against his adversary.

A Good Attendance.

There was a good attendance at Whitfield Barracks on Saturday night when the finals of the Service boxing tournament were decided. Among those present were the General Officer Commanding, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard and several other military officers and local boxing fans.

The fighting on the whole was of a high standard, and most of the bouts were very keenly contested.

The K.O.S.B.'s who were down on points the second night staged a wonderful recovery and finally left the ring with a two points lead, conceding second place to the Scots Guards.

THE FIGHTS.

Flyweight.

For flyweight honour, Boy Murphy, of the K.O.S.B. was given a walk-over, his opponent not making an appearance.

Bantamweight.

Pte. McConnell and Pte. Johnson both of the K.O.S.B. contended for honours in this class.

Johnson was outboxed by his more wiry opponent from the hand-shake. McConnell showed more ringcraft and successfully landed stinging punches to the jaw and body. He had Johnson in a tight corner, and following up his advantage, he put Johnson down with a hefty swing. This boxing started with a knock out in the first round of the evening.

Featherweight.

L/Cpl. Berry of the Queen's Regt. was unable to turn up to meet Sergt. Hooper of the same regiment and conceded a walk-over to Hooper. Berry was somewhat badly fouled on the day previous and was still feeling the effects.

Lightweight.

Pte. Clark (Queen's) beat Gdsm. Crook (Scots Guards).

Pte. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) beat L/Cpl. Armett (K.O.S.B.).

Welterweight.

Pte. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) and Pte. Clark (Queen's) fought the final. Gordon broke out from the hand-shake and started to answer punches on his man. Clark made good use of the ring, and retained now and then with a few weak blows.

Toward the end of the second round, both boxers were well warmed up and mixed it freely. There were some rapid exchanges with honours even.

Another round of hard fighting followed and in the give and take, Gordon had the best of the argument. He won on points.

(Semi-Finals).

Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) beat Gdsm. Johnson (Scots Guards).

Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Gdsm. Hand (Scots Guards) in the third round.

(Finals).

Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) tried conclusions with Pte. Carney of the same regiment in this class. Some really hard slogging was seen in this bout. Boyer was all out to gain the verdict, and had it not been for the excellent trim that Carney was in, he would have been disposed of by the K.O. route.

Boyer sprained his wrist in the second round, but despite the pain, he kept on doggedly at his man and came out the winner on points.

Middleweight.

(Semi-Finals).

Dmr. Woolford (Scots Guards) knocked out L/Cpl. Finlayson (K.O.S.B.) in the second round. Gdsm. Campbell (Scots Guards) knocked out Sergt. Hill (Scots Guards) in the second round.

(Finals).

In a gruelling fight Dmr. Woolford, of the Scots Guards defeated Gdsm. Campbell of the same regiment. The contestants sparred for an opening and when it came, neither hesitated to make the best use of it. Woolford in one occasion broke through his opponent's guard and rained punches to the face and body. This gave him the lead in points which he kept up to the end.

Light-Heavyweight.

(Semi-Finals).

Gdsm. Purdie (Scots Guards) knocked out L/Cpl. Woods (Scots Guards) in the second round.

Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Welsh (Queen's) in the second round.

(Finals).

The final honour in this weight was contended for between Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) and L/Cpl. Wood (Scots Guards).

Smith broke from the hand clasp with a mighty swing to the jaw, which he followed up with one or two to the solar plexus. Wood retaliated and got home one to the stomach which halted Smith for sometime. Sparring followed. Smith got his second wind up and went at his opponent with renewed energy. Wood was rendered groggy and would have been felled had not the gong sounded in time to save him. The third round was full of thrills and Wood looked at times very dangerous. The gong sounded with Smith leading by a narrow margin.

Heavyweight.

The fight in this class was awarded to Cpl. George, of the (Scots Guards) whose opponent had failed to turn out.

THE CUP PRESENTED.

The cup to the winning teams and to the winners and runners-up were presented by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, who said that the only matter for regret was that some of the units were not able to make up a team. It was only recently that a Service Boxing Tournament was made possible. Hitherto there were not sufficient battalions in the Colony. This was the first tournament of its kind and he was glad that it had been a success.

Boxing, the speaker continued, was one of the most important factors in the making of a soldier. It taught men to put up a clean, hard and fair fight to take punishment and above all not to lose their tempers. These qualities, the General added, showed up most prominently in this tournament. The General also thanked to S.Q.M.S. Newberry and G.S.M. Templeton for their good work in organising the tournament and also expressed gratitude to the Hong Kong Boxing Association and to the Royal Naval Officers for the help they had given. He also congratulated the winners.

THE POINTS.

The points awarded were as follows:—
2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. 62
2nd Batt. Scots Guards 60
Queen's Regiment 43

HOCKEY.

ARMY WIN THE SIM SHIELD.

A CLOSE FIGHT.

On the U.S.R.C. ground on Saturday, the Army wrested from the Navy the Sim Shield which they had held for two seasons. The Army won by two goals to one. The game was hotly contested and both sides had a number of supporters to cheer their efforts.

The result was very much in doubt until the end, with the Navy straining every nerve for about fifteen minutes to gain the equaliser. The Army kept up an unceasing attack and the Navy custodian played a brilliant game.

Only one goal was scored in the first half. This came after five minutes play when Captain Dobbie made no mistake in picking up a rebound off a Navy player when the goalkeeper cleared with his foot. Ten minutes after the resumption Sergt. Handscomb found the far corner of the net with a shot across the goal mouth. The Navy scored their only goal a little later through Lieut. Mackendrick, who sent the ball into the net from a difficult angle.

There were many exciting incidents during the remainder of the game, the Army goal on one occasion, having a narrow escape when a number of players got mixed up and the ball disappeared for some instants.

The teams were:—
Army—Captain Penny; Sergt. Hooper, Sergt. Dobbie; Lieut. Kealy, Capt. Webb, Major Greig; Lieut. Dickinson, Capt. Howard, Lieut. Burton, Capt. Dobbie and Sergt. Handscomb.

Navy—Lieut. Commander Bell; Lieut. Commander Browne, Flight-Lieut. Hope, Sub-Lieut. Collins, Lieut. Commander Chapple, Lieut. Davies; Lieut. Aitken, Lieut. Commander Fleck, Commander Ling, Lieut. Slader and Lieut. Mackendrick.

TROPHY PRESENTED.

At the close of the game Major General C. C. Luard said he had much pleasure in presenting the Sim Shield to the Army team and regretted that the donor, Mr. Sim, was not present to give away the trophy.

The game had been an excellent one and the result uncertain until the end. The Navy forwards looked dangerous whenever they got away. Their goalkeeper had saved some extraordinary shots and proved himself a gallant and athletic performer.

In conclusion General Luard said that when the trophy was put up for competition the first time in 1925, the Hong Kong Hockey Club won it. The Navy carried it away in 1926 and again in 1927. It was time, therefore, that the Army won it.

After the presentation of the trophy the teams called for three cheers for Major General Luard.

HONG KONG H.C. v. R.A.F.

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Club in a Sim Shield match against the R.A.F. today (Monday), at 4.30 p.m., on the second at 5 o'clock: W. J. Lockhart-Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; A. A. Dand (Capt.); J. E. Noronha; G. M. S. Lloyd; G. B. Shipper; W. Woodard; F. G. Wheeler; B. W. Sampson; T. Whitley. Reserves: Gardner and R. K. Valentine.

The same team is expected to play against the Queen's Regt. on Wednesday.

H.K. CLUB II. v. NAVY II.

The following will represent the Club and XI to-morrow (Tuesday), on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, at 5 p.m.

F. S. Nicholls, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, E. L. Sim, L. A. R. Duncanson, Rev. N. Evans, P. L. E. Thomas, R. K. Valentine, Rev. J. P. Murray, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, W. A. Nowers.

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB II. v. ROYAL NAVY II.

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INTER-VARSITY HOCKEY.

CAMBRIDGE WIN AGAINST OXFORD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 18th. Playing at Beekman to-day in an Inter-Varsity hockey match, Cambridge beat Oxford by five goals to one.

THE WATERLOO CUP.

THE FINAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 17th. In the final of the Waterloo Cup at Abchurch to-day, Mrs. Sofer White beat Lt. Col. Sir John Humphreys Hastings.

AMERICA'S WOMEN CRIMINALS.

VIOLENCE AND BANDITRY.

DISCIPLES OF RUTH SNYDER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24th.

Half a dozen women in the United States now are standing trial, serving long sentences or awaiting execution, for various major crimes.

Several of the recent crimes are not to be paralleled by diligent search of newspaper files of from twenty-five to fifty years ago. Even Tolstian Russia rarely found women guilty of such crimes as that of which Margaret Lillendahl recently was convicted. Down in Louisiana another woman is awaiting trial for murder in connection with a shooting, similar in many ghastly details to that of the Snyder killing. J. G. Jowers, a small town stockbreeder of Haynesville has his skull smashed from the blow of a hammer while he slept. His wife and her alleged lover are awaiting trial on murder charges.

A Discouraged Looking Little Woman.

Mrs. Effie Jowers, centre of interest in the Louisiana slaying, is a thin, discouraged looking little woman, who appears much less like the principal of flaming romance than the frosty-eyed blonde Mrs. Snyder. The state charges that Mrs. Jowers and Alibah Swift, nee-do-well soft drink salesman, had been maintaining a romance for a year—a romance which had caused gossip.

That their romance might continue without interruption, the state contends, the woman summoned her lover to the bedroom of her sleeping husband one night, and while she held a light Swift swung a four-pound sledge hammer. It soon was over. A few days later Jowers weighted body was discovered in a bayou. The state claims that Mrs. Jowers and Swift had admitted getting their inspiration for the crime from newspaper accounts of the Snyder-Gray case.

A Doctor's Wife.

Margaret Lillendahl, in her forties, not utterly devoid of physical attractiveness, like Mrs. Snyder lived in a suburban community, Hammond, N. Y. She was married to a doctor, a good many years her senior. On the surface, too, this couple's life appeared serene.

The wife was above average intelligence, interested in philosophy, active in charitable organizations.

The state charged, at the trial a few weeks ago, that she—again like Ruth Snyder—wearied of her aged husband and sought for affection elsewhere. The state charged she found it in one Willis Beach, a middle-aged poultry farmer, a figure almost as grotesque as Ruth Snyder's corset salesman. It was proved in court that they secretly exchanged letters. State witnesses charged they were once caught in a more than platonic embrace.

The known facts of the doctor's murder are these: In September, the Lillendahls went for a short motor ride; at a lonely spot in New Jersey woods the wife charged, shot and killed. The wife charged she was attacked by two negroes who killed the doctor. The state presented a plausible case that Beach was in the vicinity at the time of the murder, that he and Mrs. Lillendahl conspired to murder the woman.

After many hours of testimony a jury found them guilty of manslaughter; the judge sentenced them to ten years imprisonment.

A Farmer's Wife.

In the slaying of Thomas West, except for its tragic complexion and there is resemblance of a grotesque incident in comic opera.

West, a young farmer of Painesville, Ohio, a rural community, had been married one short year to Vilma, a Cleveland debutante who liked "parties." She bored of his bucolic interests, his phlegmatic tastes. They quarrelled one night because he refused to go to a card party. She is alleged to have picked up a hammer—the claims in self defence—struck him over the head, tied his hands and feet with twine, threw bed clothes over the body, changed her clothes and hurried off to the card party in Cleveland where she was gay and high-spirited through the evening. Temporary insanity, self-defence—these are two defences which her counsel now are considering.

Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, twenty-two, a former University of Texas student, recently was convicted of banditry, the authorities charging she held up the Bank of Buda, in Buda, Texas, and obtained \$1,000. Of good family and position, she is the latest recruit to a platoon of "flapper bandits." She was sentenced to prison for fourteen years.—*Manila Times.*

POLICE CALLED INTO CHURCH.

TUMULT AT DARWEN.

SINGERS' BATTLE OF NOISE WITH ORGAN.

DARWEN, January 15th.

There were amazing scenes this morning at St. Cuthbert's, Darwen, where protests have been made for more than a year. Strong objection is taken to the sung Eucharist service; to-day it was completely broken up by the protesting section of the congregation, after a struggle, a hymn service being conducted in conflict with it.

Police were called into the church by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Lauria), and for a time there was tumult. Nearly all the time this was occurring hymns were sung by the demonstrators. The Vicar's voice could be heard as he stood in the aisle with the police in the section of the church where the protestors were standing singing, but his words were not distinguishable.

The sung Eucharist service came to an abrupt end, and the members of the choir left their stalls and moved "towards" the vestry. A voluntary was being played on the organ, but the music of the instrument was drowned by the singing, and the curate (the Rev. N. Crawshaw) found it impossible to proceed with the sung Eucharist. The choir had entered the vestry before the singers had completed their fifth protest hymn, and when they rendered the "Amen" the Vicar faced them and said "Do you mind leaving the church?"

There had been early indications of unusual trouble. Uniformed and plain-clothes officers patrolled around the church, but took no action until the Vicar came from the vestry and called Inspector Banks and Detective Sergeant Kenyon into the church. Protest singing was continued all the time the officers were in the church in company with the Vicar.

The protesting section entered the church midway through matins, and a notice on the board in the porch said "On and after Sunday next, matins will be sung instead of said, at 10.15," was torn down. Subsequently the demonstrators sang the Te Deum whilst it was being said by other members of the congregation.

When the Vicar entered the pulpit to preach, more than a hundred of the congregation left the church in a body but returned when he had finished. A hymn was then sung, by those taking part in the Eucharist, and as it ended the curate was about to lead the rest of the service at the altar, the demonstrators rose and commenced singing the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." They started without accompaniment, but had got only partly through the first verse when the tones of the organ were heard, but not as an accompaniment. The conflict between the singers and the organ continued throughout the hymn, and the scene was the most extraordinary that has occurred during the dispute.

Woman's Tears.

Whilst a third hymn was being sung, a woman, crying bitterly, left the church.

Some of the people who were present for the purpose of taking part in the sung Eucharist knelt in their pews while the demonstration was taking place, the choir faced east, and the curate, besides whom two servers were kneeling, stood at the altar with his back to the congregation, but whether any part of the Eucharist was being recited it was not possible to make out owing to the volume of noise.

It was whilst the third hymn was being sung that the police were called into the church by the Vicar. The presence of the officers did not stop the singing. The organ ceased, but the demonstrators continued to sing their fourth hymn.

The Vicar, followed by the police, moved along the centre aisle, and the People's Warden (Mr. J. W. Seal) was called. The Vicar was heard to say: "I must ask the congregation if they know they are being very blasphemous." To this some members of the congregation made retorts. The Vicar made another remark, but it was lost in the tumult, and some of the people called out: "We want our service, and we are going to have it."

As a result of something that was said one of the members of the congregation left his pew and went towards the Vicar. After making a remark he returned to his pew. Whilst the fifth hymn was being sung the Vicar's voice was heard above the noise, and as the organist rendered a voluntary, the service came to an abrupt end, the choir leaving for the vestry followed by the curate.

When they had gone the Vicar requested the people to leave the church; and he entered the vestry. The demonstrators left the church quietly on the conclusion of the fifth hymn, and later police officers formed a guard for the Vicar as he went along the street towards his home, followed by a crowd of people.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH BRITISH AGRICULTURE.

A COLONIAL FARMER'S VIEW OF THE PROBLEM.

MORE BUSINESSLIKE METHODS NEEDED.

[BY A DOMINION FARMER.]

What is wrong with agriculture in Great Britain?

This question is being asked on every side; and there are those who are ready with panaceas—generally in the shape of artificial stimulation of the industry through Government subsidies to some branches of it. If the suggestions for Government assistance are as financially unsound as these now being given to the beet sugar industry, they will never be of permanent benefit to agriculture, for the one plain reason that they are fundamentally unsound. Agriculture, in order to become healthy and virile, must be able to stand without additional props of that nature.

Conditions Of Progress.

Since returning to England a year or so ago, after many years' absence, during which time I have farmed continuously, I have been observing farming practice in England rather closely. There is not the evidence of change in general farm practice that one would look for, and there is still less evidence of progress in the business of farming, which consists mainly of two things:—

(a) Utilising wage labour, and horse, or mechanical power so as to obtain maximum results for expenditure of power or labour.

(b) Producing the stuff the market demands, and selling it successfully through the most direct channels from producer to consumer.

Keen world competition to-day in primary products of the farm forbids the use of any unnecessary middleman. The highest proportion of the consumer's purchase price must go to the producer if agriculture is to thrive in this country. This at once raises the whole question of well-organised co-operative marketing of farm products, as practised in the Dominions and in Europe, and the extent to which co-operative marketing and pool marketing can be made applicable to the peculiar conditions surrounding British agriculture.

Labour And Power Cost.

Marketing of all products, including grain handling and drying facilities, is of paramount importance, but what about other factors, small in themselves but important in the aggregate? Labour and power costs must be watched as closely in agriculture as in any other business. Operating economy demands large fields. Could not 55 per cent. of the hedge fences be disposed with and the size of the fields increased without seriously impairing the beauty of the English countryside? Has anyone ever computed the acreage absorbed by hedge fences in England?

With heavy draught horses largely replaced by motor power and the market for them greatly reduced, is it sound operating economy to continue breeding them for use on the land after experience has shown that Blokey horses of the "Vanner" type travel faster on land and road, do more work in a given time, and cost less for feed?

Uneconomical Horse-Draught.

A given number of horses hitched abreast to a riding plough require only one teamster. They will turn quicker, and do more work at less cost than if hitched tandem with a man at the plough and one at the land horse, not to mention the advantage in power gained by hitching close to the load.

A general purpose farm wagon with removable body and pole hitch for the team, such as is used in the Dominions, will move more stuff, and move it more quickly, than a cart or wagon with a tandem team.

One is impressed with the lack of uniformity in farm transport equipment on English farms—a mere wagon is a load in themselves. The lack of uniformity and the unnecessary weight is noticeable also in farm machinery.

How To Lose At Farming.

I had business this summer on a farm of some 270 acres, largely under plough. A tenant farmer operated the farm, although his appearance did not indicate that he did so. Inquiry elicited the following facts:—

The tenant went to market four days a week to sell the products of the 270 acres.

Farm operations were in charge of a foreman, and indications of the absence of the master were not lacking.

The farm had fourteen work horses, with a horsekeeper to look after them.

If the tenant gave his time to farm work instead of to the "ordinary" in the market towns,

a foreman would not be needed. If the teamsters cared for their own horses, the horsekeeper could be dispensed with, and operating costs reduced accordingly.

From this farm I drove some miles to a well-known market gardening district not far from London. Large quantities of produce are shipped from there daily. Growers in the district told me that in some cases returns received from shipments were very disappointing and sometimes showed a loss.

On my way back to London I reached the railway station at 4 p.m. There were about 120 crates of cut flowers on the station platform piled against a yellow wall, exposed to a hot sun from south and west, and with no protection except the crates, which, by that time, were hot from the sun. On inquiry I found that the stuff had been there since 9.30 a.m. and would not be placed on a London train for some hours.

Fruit Packing.

On three occasions recently I have gone through Covent Garden market looking for a particularly variety of apples. In doing so one could not help but see the great difference in quality and packing between home-grown and Dominion-grown fruit. The varieties of the home-grown product were good, but the quality, condition, and packing were far from good. Packed in bushel baskets, none too clean, covered with dusty hay, bruised and blemished and of uneven size, the fruit was fit only for the lowest market. The price the fruit commanded could not give the grower an economic profit—yet there is no apple as good as the English apple of property handled. These are the things that make the difference between profit and loss in any business, and farming is no business.

Popularity Of Imported Beef.

Imported beef has gained in favour with the English consumer tremendously within recent years. A man of long experience in the meat trade of Greater London, speaking to the Farmers' Club in London recently, stated that "imported meat is much more time to eat for two reasons. First, because it has been killed for a period of from three weeks to three months; second, because imported meat on the whole is from better animals than the average animal produced in England and sold to butchers."

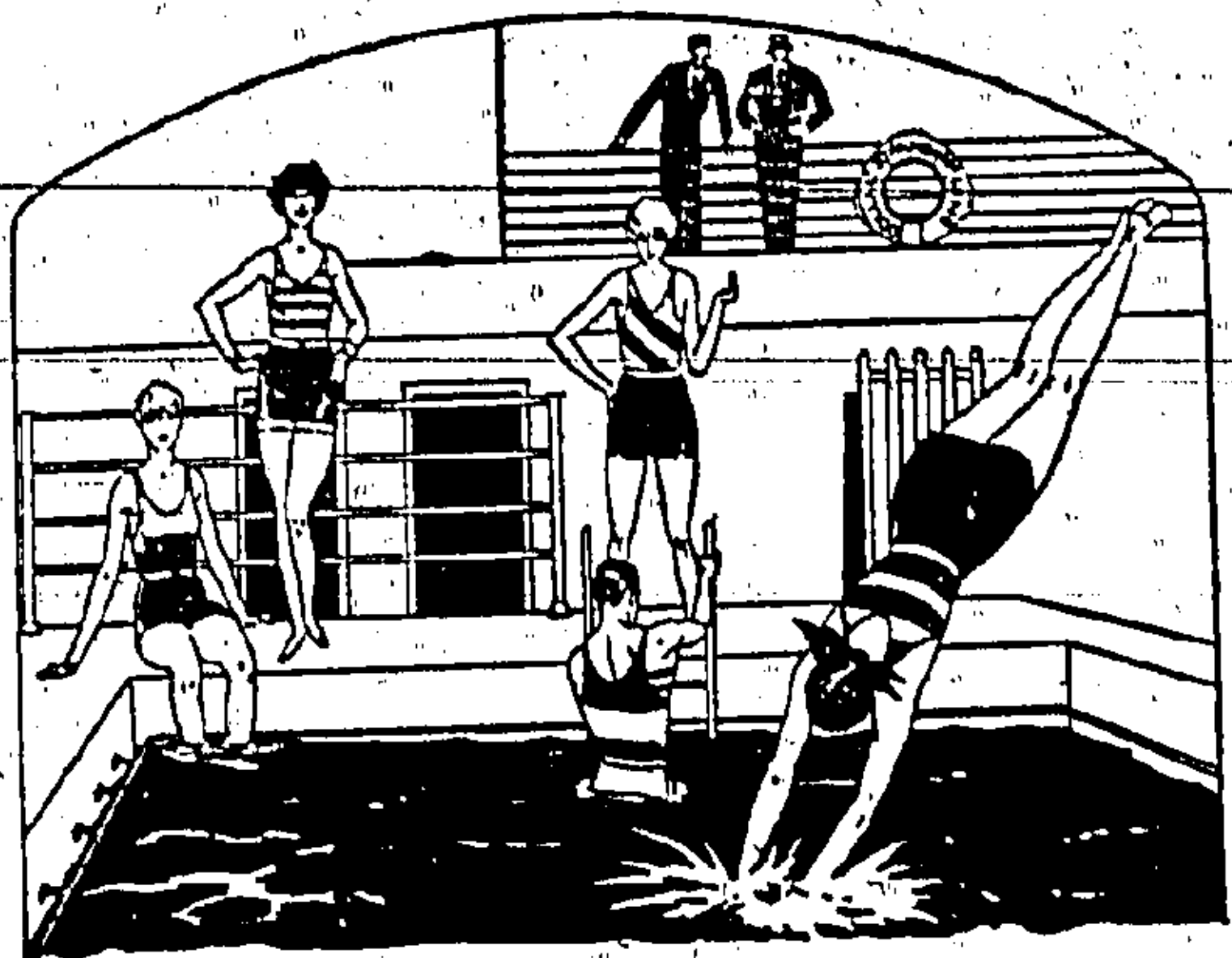
There is much evidence of low-grade meat. Quick-finishing beef is not produced from scrub areas. I am wondering whether there are not too many "Locals," breeds of cattle, and also of hogs, in use in Great Britain to ensure the uniformity of type, size, and quality necessary in order to compete with imported beef and bacon. It should be possible for the country that supplies the steers of Argentine steers, and has the home market, to produce steers of market requirements in competition with the Argentine animal.

A Sick Industry.

These are not the observations of a carping fault-finder. They are the observations of an Englishman who, during 35 years of farming in the Dominions, has looked steadily, and with pride, to Great Britain for supremacy in agriculture and stock breeding, and who wants to see a comprehensive effort made to maintain that supremacy, for, once lost, it will be hard to regain it.

British agriculture to-day is a sick industry, but not as seriously as it thinks it is. Every phase of the industry—farm tenure, farming practice, production, the requirements of present-day markets, the changes required in present methods to meet market requirements and outside competition, the feasibility of applying modern packing and shipping methods to fruit and garden products, the feasibility of the application of modern methods of drying, grading and storing grain for market to existing conditions here, including co-operative marketing of all farm products, are subjects for comprehensive investigation by a Board of three to five of the very best men found in or outside Great Britain.

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NUMBER TO DEFEND UPON INTERNATIONAL CON-DITIONS?

The new cruiser of the "B" class (the first of this type to be laid down in a Royal Dockyard) which is to be put in hand at Devonport will prove rather bigger than had been anticipated. In the absence of any official data on the subject, the idea gained currency that the "B" ships would have a displacement of 7,500 tons, and carry 6-inch guns. Mr. Bridgeman's spirited defense of the 6-inch gun at the Geneva Conference last summer was taken as confirmation of this assumption. Since then definite details have been made public concerning the "B" ships, which were laid down at Palmer's on the Tyne in May last. She will displace 8,400 tons and be armed with six 8-inch guns. As it is practically certain that all the cruisers of this class will be identical, these dimensions may be taken as representing the size of the vessel to be built at Devonport. In point of length we understand they are not a great deal of difference between the "A" and "B" class cruisers, the reduced burthen of the latter expressing itself chiefly in less beam and lighter draught.

Of the "A" class cruisers eleven have now been built or laid down for the British Navy, and two for the Australian Navy. The first batch, known as the Suffolk class, and numbering five vessels, were authorized by the Labour Government in 1924. Within the next few weeks all these will have departed for the China Station, having been slightly delayed in order to allow of alterations to their upper torpedo tubes. The second batch consists of the four London class, the names of which are the Devonshire, the Norfolk, the Devonshire, and the Devonshire. The third batch, consisting of the Norfolk and the Devonshire, respectively laid down in July and September last, and to use an Irishman's phrase, "are in the water," are now being built, but it is generally believed that no further vessels of the former type will be constructed. On the other hand, it is possible the "B" class may be increased so as to balance numerically the programme. The Navy Estimates are now in course of framing, and a good deal will depend upon the international attitude of the next few weeks towards the whole subject of limitation of armaments. Naval and Military Record.

WINDJAMMERS AT SEA.

FAMOUS SHIPS STILL IN COMMISSION.

To this day one of the chief joys of sailing the high seas is in a steamship is the ever-present expectation of a glimpse of white sails. For it is not a fact, as John Masfield and many other old sailors continually assure us, that windjammers have almost disappeared into the mists of yesterday. There is ample evidence of their tenacious survival in the brochure on sailing-ships still engaged in ocean service which has just been published by *Sydney and Shipping Limited*, and this is the third booklet, packed with illustrations, on the subject.

Again and again we hear of "the last windjammer," yet in the last annual report of the British Sailing Ship Owners' Association it was stated that the world tonnage of real sailing vessels of 100 tons gross and upwards amounted at the end of the twelve months ended June, 1927, to 1,153,000 gross tons, although of these more than 25,000 tons were owned in Great Britain and Ireland.

It is true that by comparison with the steamships the sailing-ships are still being built for commercial purposes—witness the *Padua*, depending entirely upon sails, which was launched in June, 1926. This ship was built at Wesermünde by Joh. C. Tecklenborg, who eleven years previously had turned out the great five-masted barque *Potosi*. The *Padua* is of 2,044 tons gross, and sails regularly between Hamburg and South America.

San Francisco, the golden port of the Pacific, must be a paradise for lovers of the sailing-ship. It is the home port of a fleet of historic ships, including 14 big sailers, acquired at different times from their former owners by the Alaska Packers' Association.

These ships are employed in the Alaska salmon trade, and they make only one voyage a year, going north to Alaska in the spring, and returning to San Francisco in the autumn. Illustrations of some of the finest—*Star of Finland*, *Star of Scotland*, *Star of Russia*, *Star of Greenland*, and *Star of Zealand*—are reproduced in the booklet. The British lad who means to go to sea has little chance of learning his business in a sailing-ship nowadays. There is no "finer school for seamen," this booklet on sailing-ships points out, and (Continued on next column.)

DUMB GIRL SHOWS MURDERS.

FIANCEE AND FAMILY OF 4.

FRANTIC GESTURES TO POLICE.

Nice. Frantic gestures by a deaf and dumb girl in a side street at Grasse, 25 miles from Nice, on Christmas Eve led to the discovery of the dead bodies of six persons. Five of them had been murdered and the sixth was that of the murderer, an Armenian, who had committed suicide.

The deaf and dumb girl had come to visit her friend, Eugenie Tabakian, an Armenian, who was engaged to marry a compatriot, Stepan Dedjian. She came running down the stairs of a tenement house with tears streaming down her face and made a desperate effort to call the attention of the policeman on duty near by.

He, not knowing what was wrong, took her to the police station, and afterwards the police decided to follow her guidance. She took them upstairs to the room occupied by Eugenie Tabakian, pointing to the door, invited the police to force an entry. They hesitated for a moment, but when they saw a long stream of blood coming from under the door, they decided to break it down.

Within they discovered the mutilated body of the young Armenian girl and, lying across it, Stepan Dedjian, who had shot himself through the head. It was evident that Dedjian had strangled his victim and then severed her head and smashed it with the butt end of a revolver before turning it on himself. In Dedjian's pockets there was a strange rumbling letter in which the Armenian said: "I mean to kill them all." When the police visited Dedjian's room, they found another letter in the same terms, and scrawled large in charcoal on the wall the sentence: "I mean to kill them all."

With the deaf and dumb girl as their guide, the police went to the house where the murdered girl's mother and married sister lived. There they knocked at the door, and getting no reply broke their way in.

The mother was lying with her throat cut in the passage. In the kitchen there was four-year-old John Scheratian, her grandson, also dead, and by his side his baby sister, Jeanne Marie, just breathing. She died on her way to the hospital.

Mme. Scheratian was found dead in another room lying under a heap of bedclothes. Blood was bespattered everywhere, and it was evident that she had made a terrible fight for life.

On the walls the murderer had written in his blood once more the terrible phrase, "I mean to kill them all."

It is thought that Dedjian, who was extremely nervous and irritable, imagined that his fiancée family were hostile to him.

TO MAKE BORSTAL MORE LIKE HOME.

IF THE £100,000 PLEA WERE ANSWERED.

What might be done if Sir W. Joyson-Hicks's appeal to a rich man to give £100,000 for a new Borstal institution were responded to was outlined to a press representative by Sir Wemyss Grant-Wilson, director of the Borstal Association and chairman of the visiting committee of Borstal, Feltham and Portland.

The Home Secretary stated he must have a new Borstal in place of an old prison, with new ideas, new ideals, new work and new hopes—but the cry for national economy prevented this essential reform.

Sir Wemyss said: "It would be insignificant if Sir William's conception could be carried out. It is practicable—except for lack of funds. From an after-care point of view, I should say that the aim of a new Borstal would be to make life at a Borstal institution as much as possible like life outside. Boys might be given wages right away from the beginning, starting with lower-grade jobs, such as cleaning up, from there with wages all the time. A boy would indeed live by his own efforts from the beginning, and pay for his keep—If through any sort of wrong-doing he lost his job, he would lose his wages. With them would go his privilege."

It is strange indeed that Britain, the premier maritime nation, should not possess a sea-going square-rigged cadet ship. The importance of training in sail is fully appreciated on the Continent. Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Belgium, Poland, and even Spain have vessels especially commissioned for this purpose, and every year cadets pass out from them well-equipped with the kind of knowledge that makes an efficient seaman.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN GERMANY.

PRUSSIAN EXECUTIONER IN PLAINER CLOTHES.

BERLIN. Details of the beheading in Electress Gaol (near Berlin) of Max Boettcher, guilty of two murders, has intensified a campaign in Germany for the abolition of the death penalty.

Under German law 18 persons, in addition to the executioner and his assistants, witness the execution. There are four methods of carrying out the death-sentence. In Prussia the sword has been replaced by the axe in Mecklenburg, Anhalt, Rhine, and Lippe the sword is still retained. In the Rhineland, Hanover, Hamburg, Bavaria, and Saxony the trap-sword is used, and Baden employs the guillotine.

At the execution of Boettcher the Prussian Ministry of Justice abolished for the first time the necessity for the executioner to appear in a dress coat. He was permitted to wear a dark suit—Kachange.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
February 20th.....6.53 a.m.	6.23 p.m.	
" 21st.....6.52 "	6.23 "	
" 22nd.....6.51 "	6.23 "	
" 23rd.....6.50 "	6.23 "	
" 24th.....6.49 "	6.24 "	
" 25th.....6.49 "	6.24 "	
" 26th.....6.48 "	6.25 "	
" 27th.....6.47 "	6.25 "	
" 28th.....6.47 "	6.25 "	
" 29th.....6.46 "	6.27 "	

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 19th.

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.23	30.29	30.59
Temperature.....	56	52	59
Humidity.....	70	77	59
Wind.....	E	ESE	NE
Force.....	0	0	3
Direction.....	0	0	0
Weather.....	0.0	0.0	0.0
Highs and Lows.....	30.23	30.29	30.59
Lowest open-air temperature, 18th: 53			

Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 20th to 26th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Month.	Date of Month.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
Mon.	20	6.47	4.8	3.23	0.6
Tues.	21	6.27	7.8	3.56	0.4
Wed.	22	6.10	10.4	3.61	0.2
Thurs.	23	6.05	12.7	3.68	0.2
Fri.	24	6.01	14.9	3.73	0.2
Sat.	25	6.00	16.8	3.76	0.2
Sun.	26	6.00	18.4	3.76	0.2

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TJILEROET	N. C. & AMOT	27th "	28th "	BATAVIA
TJIPANAS	JAVA, MANILA	28th "	4th Mar.	AMOT & SAIGON
TJISARORA	BATAVIA	1st Mar.	7th "	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	S'RAL, K'LUNG, & AMOT	12th "	14th "	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJIMANOEK	N. C. & AMOT	12th "	14th "	MACASSAR & JAWA
TJILWONG	JAVA, MANILA	12th "	17th "	SAIGON & SAIGON
TJINODARI	BATAVIA	12th "	18th "	AMOT & K'LUNG
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 22nd Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANSI"	On 23rd Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINJIANG"	On 25th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KURIOHOW"	On 25th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 26th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LOUHO"	On 26th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 26th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"SZECHUEN"	On 27th Feb.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANOHOW"	On 29th Feb.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 1st Mar.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 3rd Mar.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"NANNING"	On 3rd Mar.	Noon
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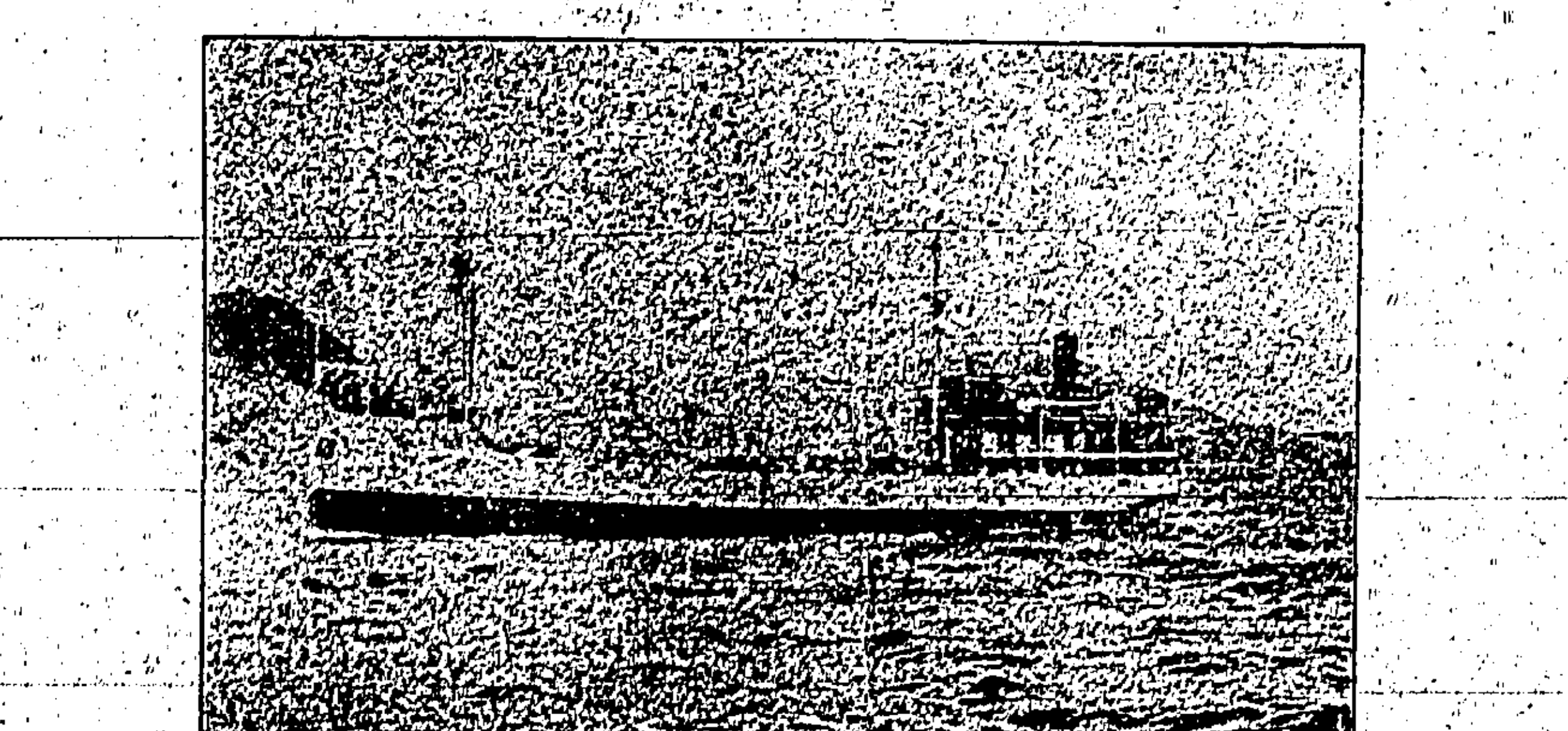
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	DEATH OF CAPTAIN MONKMAN.	OAK CHESTS AT END OF A PIER.
February 17th. British str., 2,080 tons. Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S. Cruzkeys, American str., 5,237 tons. Capt. K. Hansen, from San Francisco and Manila. The latter port she left on February 14th, with sugar and "general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Swayno & Hoyt Inc. February 18th. Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,202 tons. Capt. K. Yuge, from Takao and Swatow, with merchandize, lying at Stonecutters—O.S.K. Gran, Norwegian str., 1,193 tons. Capt. K. J. Karlsen, from Swatow, lying at Stonecutters—Thorson & Co. Hydrungen, British str., 801 tons. Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with 115 tons of general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf—Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co. Kun Sang, British str., 2,341 tons. Capt. T. M. Meyrick, from Amoy, lying at buoy No. B7—Jardine, Matheson & Co. Mondego, Norwegian str., 874 tons. Capt. Johannesen, from Whampoa, lying at Stonecutters—Karsten Larsen & Co. Peking Maru, Japanese str., 1,608 tons. Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—N.Y.K. Sinking, British str., 1,616 tons. Capt. J. Tinson, from Shanghai via Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S. Taiaku Maru, Japanese str., 1,733 tons. Capt. T. Kuroda, from Keelung, which port she left on February 16th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B54—M.S.K. Tener, British str., 3,785 tons. Capt. W. B. F. Holden, from Yokohama and Milke. The latter port she left on February 13th, with 30 tons of cotton waste, lying at buoy No. A52—B. & S. February 19th. Chinook, British str., 1,353 tons. Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Haiphong and Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47—B. & S. Corona, Norwegian str., 1,933 tons. Capt. O. M. Klette, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters—Dodwell & Co. Hai Ching, British str., 1,267 tons. Capt. W. T. Erwin, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co. Kwang Sang, British str., 1,428 tons. Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Tsingtau, via Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co. Mentor, British str., 1,772 tons. Capt. A. L. Davis, from Shanghai, which port she left on February 18th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line. President Teft, American str., 8,393 tons. From Shanghai, which port she left on February 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line. CLEARANCES. February 18th. Aeneas, for Shanghai. Corona, for Chinwangtao. Cruzkeys, for San Francisco. Deli Maru, for Canton. Gran, for Hongkong. (Continued on next Column.) February 19th. Anhui, for Amoy. Mike Maru, for Tally Bay. Tak Hing, for Macao. Haidie, for Saigon. Hirm, for Swatow. Kaiju Maru, for Swatow. Kaping, for Swatow. Peking Maru, for Shanghai. Shantung, for Shanghai. Shanai, for Canton. Shin Hing, for Macao. Sinking, for Canton. Song Ho, for Haiphong. Sui Sang, for Hongkong. Sun Sang, for Kwong Chow Wan. Sun Shi Kiu, for Kwong Chow Wan. Tak Hing, for Amoy. Tikarong, for Amoy. Tikarong, for Swatow. Yat Shing, for Swatow. February 19th. Anhui, for Amoy. Mike Maru, for Tally Bay. Tak Hing, for Macao.	WELL-KNOWN C.N.C. SKIPPER. The death of Captain Edwin Monkman, in London, on February 18th, will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances of the late captain on the China coast where 20 years of his life were spent in the service of the China Navigation Company. Captain Monkman left Shanghai last July on leave following which it was his plan to retire. The late captain had a host of friends in Shanghai and in Hong Kong, the two between these two ports having been made by him practically the entire time throughout his long period as a navigator. With the exception of a short period in command of the "Shanghai" when that vessel was a trooper in the Persian Gulf service, and another three years in command of vessels on other runs out of Shanghai, Captain Monkman was identified with the Shanghai-Hong Kong run. He was Commodore of the company's northern fleet, and had had at some time or other nearly all of the ships of the China Navigation Company under his command. PASSENGERS. Departures. Per P. & O. a.s. Khyber, from Hong Kong, on February 18th—Mr. S. Berman, Mr. L. J. Binckburn, Mr. W. Bray, Mrs. H. H. Bristow, Master W. Bristow, Miss L. Ching, Mr. A. B. Clegg, Mr. W. C. L. Durrant, Mr. O. R. Edge, Mr. Fong Wing Por, Mr. S. Gibson, Mr. T. E. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Haig, Master R. Haig, Master D. Haig, Miss J. Haig, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. C. Hallows, Miss E. M. C. Hallows, Miss V. Harvey, Mr. B. Henderson, Mr. F. H. Hill, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Mr. W. Ironside, Miss S. M. Jeffries, Mr. F. H. V. Jillard, Mr. F. S. J. Johnsen, Miss F. E. Kitson, Mr. I. Konow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon, Master J. S. Lyon, Miss D. M. Lyon, Rev. D. MacLeod, Mrs. A. E. Minto, Mr. K. Morita, Mr. A. Munster, Rev. A. B. Nielson, Mr. F. S. O'Connell, Dr. Ong Chong King, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Howell, Miss M. P. Rowell, Mr. H. H. Sandeman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Santry, Mr. W. Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutton, Miss Sutton, Mrs. H. E. Turner, Mr. W. E. Walkinshaw, Mr. H. W. Wilson.	TESTS TO PROVE WORTH OF EMPIRE ROPE. Two oak chests have been fastened to the end of Southend pier more than a mile out at sea. It is now explained that they were put there for a scientific experiment that may bring trade worth £2,000,000 a year to the British Empire. They have proved that certain strong rope which has hitherto always been imported, can now be made in the Empire. In the chests, which were perforated to let in the water at high tide, were hundreds of yards of Sisal hemp and Manila hemp. For a year their strength and durability when exposed to sea water has been tested. Once the prejudice against Sisal rope is broken down there should be a growing industry, giving more and more employment, particularly in Tanganyika and Kenya Colony, where Sisal is grown. To make certain that the results are perfectly accurate, a second experiment is now to be made, and five large trunks are to be fixed to the pier end. The committee of experts, in their report which will be published shortly in the "Bulletin of the Imperial Institute," say: "The results of these trials have indicated:— 1.—That East African Sisal hemp of No. 1 quality withstands the action of sea water as well as or even better than Manila hemp of the "J" grade, whereas East African Sisal hemp of No. 2 quality is slightly inferior in this respect to Manila hemp. 2.—That when immersed in water the Manila rope does not increase in weight so much as the Sisal rope, and in this respect Manila hemp is superior to Sisal. 3.—Sisal fibre sinks far more rapidly in water than Manila hemp. Dr. Ernest Goulding, head of the fibre investigation work at the Imperial Institute, describing the experiments, said: "Rope is very largely made from Manila hemp, which is practically a monopoly of the Philippine Islands. The imports of this to the United Kingdom in the last two or three years have averaged about two million sterling. It has been said against Sisal hemp that it rots in sea water more quickly than Manila, that it swells more when wetted, and that it sinks more rapidly. "For our tests the chests were bolted on to the pier, so that when the tide was high they would be immersed in water and later exposed to the air again. We are very pleased indeed with the experiment. The results afford no evidence whatever that Sisal deteriorates more quickly than Manila. In the final experiment five chests will be used with rope of different sizes—1in., 1 1/2in., and 2in. If the first experiment is borne out by the second its success will be conclusive."

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CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Tues., 21st Feb., at 7	a
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUNSANG"	Mon., 20th Feb., at 3	p
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+ MORIOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Feb.
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Shipping News Week-End Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

FREIGHT RETURNS FOR THE WEEK-END.

SATURDAY'S FIGURES.

LOW CARGOES.

With only 14 arrivals during the period from 9 a.m. Friday till 9 a.m. on Saturday, the freights manifested for both Hong Kong and ports beyond were low.

The total amount of general merchandise discharged for this port was 5,379 tons, of which 4,311 tons were carried by six British vessels. The two best returns were the *Kwantung* with 2,189 tons from Bangkok and Hoihow and the *Amama Maru* with 930 tons from Dairen.

Through freights amounted to 13,032 tons, of which 7,900 tons were contributed by four British vessels. The two best returns were shown by the *Kashmir*, 6,000 tons from London and Singapore, and the *Crosskey* (American) with 3,100 tons arriving from San Francisco and Manila.

Yesterday's Figures.

There were 9 arrivals and seven departures recorded at the Harbour Office yesterday morning. The freights imported for Hong Kong were very low, only 3,303 tons being discharged. Of this total 2,380 tons were from four British vessels. The best return was shown by a Japanese steamer with 2,000 tons.

Through cargo amounted to 4,110 tons of which 3,000 tons were carried by a British steamer.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the week-end were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	13	7
Japanese	4	7
Chinese	4	7
American	1	1
German	0	1
Norwegian	1	2
Dutch	2	0
Total	25	32

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jackson, to-day.
Australia-Oriental Line.
Taiping, Mar. 9th.
Uganda, April 6th.
Bank Line.
City of Adelaide, March 1st.
City of Durban, March 16th.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 4th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.
City of Roubaix, April 14th.
City of Birmingham, May 4th.
City of Singapore, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokyo, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
Ben Line.
Benlauer, Feb. 23rd.
British-India and Apear Line.
Talamba, Feb. 24th.
Takliwa, Feb. 28th.
Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Russia, Feb. 24th.
Doddwell & Co.
Romola, March 1st.
Tugela, March 9th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Antelope, to-morrow.
Hector, to-morrow.
Bellerophon, Feb. 28th.
Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.
Achilles, March 1st.
Catana, March 6th.
Sarpedon, March 7th.
Athena, Mar. 10th.
Teresia, Mar. 18th.
Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.
Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.
Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.
Antemedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phemius, April 11th.
Agamemnon, April 11th.
Night of Companion, April 21st.
Orontes, April 22nd.
Loanedon, April 24th.
Diomed, April 28th.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Maechon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Atræus, June 27th.
Lycaon, July 23th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Isia, Feb. 25th.
Afrika, Mar. 28th.
Malaya, April 15th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Mar. 5th.
Arcturion, April 2nd.

Glen Line.

Glenluce, Mar. 2nd.
Carmarthenshire, March 7th.
Glenagarry, March 16th.
Glenara, April 6th.

Hamburg-America Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.
Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 25th.
Havelland, March 1st.
Haverstein, March 7th.
Scheer, Mar. 12th.
Carl Legien, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Jikembang, to-day.
Tjialak, Feb. 27th.
Tjilebet, Feb. 27th.
Tjipana, Feb. 28th.
Tjisaroca, March 1st.

Messageries Maritimes.

General Mesinger, Feb. 25th.
Portheos, Feb. 28th.
Yalou, Feb. 28th.
Paul Lecat, Mar. 13th.
D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.
Chenonceaux, April 10th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Mishima Maru, to-morrow.
Katori Maru, Feb. 24th.
Moji Maru, Feb. 27th.
Kawachi Maru, Feb. 28th.
Muroan Maru, March 2nd.
Sherita, March 4th.
Suwa Maru, March 4th.

Morddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Older, Feb. 29th.
Fulda, March 12th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Mimpara, to-morrow.
Kalyan, Feb. 23rd.
Mantra, Mar. 1st.
Naypora, March 5th.
Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
Lahore, March 18th.
Murea, Mar. 22nd.
Jyppur, April 9th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Molva, April 28th.
Nouara, May 7th.
Merantha, May 10th.
Maeridia, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.

Prince Line.

Chinese Prince, Feb. 23rd.
Malayan Prince, Mar. 18th.
Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Sumatra, March 10th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

AGGRAVATED TIE OFFENCE.

[KYNCHOWDOW 21]

In spite of the fact that he had been told to return to the Harbour Office and take out clearance papers for the cargo of 1,400 piculs of salt which he had on board, a Chinese master of a trading junk attempted to get through without declaring the cargo.

The case was brought before Commander G. F. Ho at the Marine Court on Saturday morning and the defendant pleaded guilty. In view of the fact that the defendant had aggravated the offence by disregarding a warning, his Worship imposed a fine of \$100.00 with the alternative of two months imprisonment.

Disabled Vessel.

The master of the *Sinkiang* (British) arriving from Shanghai and Swatow, reports having towed the s.s. *Kanchow* from off Tung-yung to Amoy outer harbour. The latter vessel was disabled having broken her propeller shaft.

Death At Sea.

One case of beriberi is reported by the master of the s.s. *Anhui* (British) arriving from Hoihow and Bangkok. The deceased was buried at sea.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the week-end totalled 1,561.

Undocked.

The s.s. *Shantung* was undocked from Taikoo on Saturday after overhaul, and resumed her place on the Shanghai and Tientsin run yesterday.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Kobe on Saturday at 8 a.m., left Kobe the same day at 5 p.m., and was due at Nagasaki yesterday (Sunday) at 5 p.m.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*, *Peterel*; South Wall Basin, *Cicala*, *Tern*, *Gannet*; East Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.1*, *L.2*, *Faulkner*; North Arm, *Hollyhock*, *Herald*, *Ambrose*, S/Ms. *West Wall Dock*, *Hawkins*, *Peterfield*; In Dock, *Iroquois*, S/Ms. *L.1*, *L.2*, *L.5*; No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 3 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 2 Buoy, *Sterling*, *Stormcloud*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanica*, S/Ms.; No. 8 Buoy, *Pozoglav*; No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Thracian*; No. 11 Buoy, *Somme*, *Seymour*; No. 12 Buoy, *Serpis*, *Sirdar*; No. 13 Buoy, *Brace*; No. 18 Buoy, *Eulenhia*, *Kirk*; *Kowloon*, Anchorage; Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. *Acheville*, *Sacramento*; Portuguese, *Peru*, *De Alenquer*; Italian, *S. Cubota*.

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"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	6,955	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,716	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARMALA"	9,129	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MAYTUA"	10,346	31st Mar.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE"	5,331	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	19th May	do.
"MALWA"	10,988	26th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th June	Marseilles and London.
"NOVARA"	6,989	16th June	do.
"RANPURA"	16,901	23rd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	17th July	Marseilles and London.
"NANKIN"	7,053	14th July	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	21st July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	4th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles and London.
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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"CALAMBA"	8,018	24th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,035	8th Mar.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Mar.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	do.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship Schedule for the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TALMA"	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KIDDERPORE"	6,716	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TAKLIWA"	7,236	2nd Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	12th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"NAGPORE"	5,333	12th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MANUVA"	10,346	16th Mar.	Shanghai
"LAHORE"	5,253	18th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MURKA"	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"JEYPORE"	5,318	10th April	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April	do.
"MALWA"	10,988	27th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"NOVARA"	8,097	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"DELTA"	8,097	11th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,901	23rd May	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NANKIN"	7,053	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	9,114	8th June	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	21st June	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,925	21st July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KAJIPUTANA"	16,563	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,988	17th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Aug.	do.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Manila	Pres. Jackson	20th Feb.
SHANGHAI & AMOY	Hupah	20th Feb.
JAPAN	Minima Maru	21st Feb.
SHANGHAI	Hector	21st Feb.
STRAITS	Hector	21st Feb.
CALCUTTA & STRAITS	Hector	21st Feb.
Europe via Singapore (letters only)	Hector	21st Feb.
London 25th Jan.	Hector	21st Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hector	21st Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hector	21st Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hector	21st Feb.
STRAITS	Hector	21st Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai & Japan	Hakone Maru	Monday, 20th
Straits and Calcutta	Awa Maru	10.30 A.M.
Swatow	Parole	Noon
Straits	Letters	1.00 P.M.
Hydrangas	Menier	2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Suiyang	4.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Taft	4.30 P.M.
Hai Phong	Unkai Maru No. 5	4.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tuesday, 21st
Wei Hai Wei	Kuanchow	Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., U.S.A. & Europe via Victoria, B.C., 12th Mar., & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Foohing	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 5th March	Minima Maru	Wednesday, 22nd
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st March	Hector	3.00 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Tikembang	3.45 A.M.
Shanghai	Hupah	1.30 P.M.
Swatow	Shan Si	2.30 P.M.
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thursday, 23rd
Amoy	Hosang	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Friday, 24th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th March	Katori Maru	Noon
Manila	Emp. of Russia	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Kuanchow	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Saturday, 25th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th March	General Mitsinger	Sunday, 26th
Sandakan	Hingang	1.00 P.M.
Swatow	Unkai Maru	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Suwa Maru	Monday, 27th

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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 O. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 18th April, 1927. [29]

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 Hong Kong, 29th Feb., 1927. [32]

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